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FRANKLIN PIERCE 1853 - 1953

We in Amherst cherish this year, the centenary of the inauguration of Franklin Pierce as President of the United States of America, the only New Hampshire son to hold that high office.

The many friends and relatives of his parents here in the shire town must have occasioned many visits during his early life and, at the September 1827 term of the Court of Common Pleas at our Second Court House he was admitted to practice as an attorney. On November 19, 1834, before numerous guests in Colonel Robert Means' best parlor in the fine old house pictured above, he was married to Jane Means Appleton.

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Amherst, N. H.

for

THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

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For the Year Ending June 30, 1952

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Harold H. Wilkins

Selectmen
Arthur L. Underwood, 2 Years
Ernest C. Stewart, 3 Years
Maurice E. Barrett
(served 8 months of year)
Donald H. Davis, 1 Year
(served 4 months of year and resigned)

Treasurer
Catherine A. Kruger

Town Clerk
Catherine A. Kruger

Tax Collector
Hiram R. Elliott

Highway Agent
Harold L. Aldrich

Constable
Albert Junkins

Auditors
Orson S. Bragdon George H. Howard

Supervisors of the Checklist
Hiram R. Elliott Lilla M. Brown
Ethel E. Emerson

Sexton of Cemeteries
Clarence H. Hagar

Fire Wards

Ashton L. Martin, Chief
Arthur L. Daniels, 1st Assistant Chief
Frank F. Richardson, 2nd Assistant Chief

Trustees of Trust Funds

Elizabeth Hall, 1 Year
Meric G. Arnold, 2 Years
Arthur Bonney, 3 Years

Library Trustees

Richard Le May	1 Year
Bertha L. Piper	1 Year
Henry Mitchell	2 Years
Margaret Seamans	2 Years
Cleaveland Campbell	3 Years
Nelle L. Holmes	3 Years

ZONING OFFICIALS

Administrative Official

William C. Vose

Board of Adjustment

John C. Duff	1 Year
Norman F. Slayton	2 Years
Fred Mosher	3 Years
George Knight	4 Years
Arthur L. Underwood	5 Years

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Polls to open at 8 a. m. and close at 1 p. m.

You are hereby notified to meet at Amherst Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the 10th day of March 1953, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the town will give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the town will vote to allow a discount of 1½% on taxes paid by May first, 1953. Any person paying on his 1953 tax an amount equal to 80% of his 1952 tax, to be allowed benefit of the aforesaid discount.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $115.70 as its share of White Pine Blister Rust control, during 1952.

6. To see if the town will accept as a gift the deed to the triangle of land, bounded by Post Road and Court House Road and Route 101, from Mrs. Elizabeth Huntington.

7. In consideration of sufficient fire protection in the area furnished by the hydrant system, to see if the town will vote to close the right of way which allowed

the fire department access to the brook for water supply, through the land of Otto Neugebauer.

8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $200.00 to cover the cost of scraping and painting the Library fence.

9. To see if the town will vote to reconstruct where necessary and oil the accepted streets at Baboosic Lake, starting at the intersection of Broadway Street and continuing up Hillside Avenue, thence to Lakeview Street to the end of the accepted street, and raise and appropriate $300.00 for the work. (By petition)

10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $500.00 to pay for repairs and one tire for the grader.

11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $300.00 for the repair of the Town Hall roof, and the installation of aluminum gutters where needed.

12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate:

A. $1,600.00 to scrape and paint bridge on Route 122

B. $1,300.00 to scrape and paint bridge at Cricket Corner, or

C. $2,800.00 to scrape and paint both bridges at same time.

13. To see if the town will vote to amend 7th rule of Australian Ballot Rules, by adding the following:

Election Officers may at their discretion, open ballot box and start counting ballots before polls are declared closed.

Rule 7 now reads as follows: "Voting to be under the rules at biennial elections."

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $125.00 for new septic tank and installation of same, for kitchen sink.

15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate

$1000.00 and authorize the Selectmen to hire not more than the sum of $2,500.00 in accord with the Municipal Bond Act, two notes therefor, in the amount not exceeding $1,250.00 each, with interest, to mature in 1954 and 1955 respectively; these amounts to be used for the purchase of a new 2-ton truck with dump body.

16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding $800.00 to furnish the dining room in the Town Hall with new tables and chairs. (By petition)

17. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to sell settees in the Town Hall, (providing they belong to the town), and apply the money toward purchase of tables and chairs.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $100 to have printed inventory of taxable property in the town in 1953.

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

ARTHUR L. UNDERWOOD,
MAURICE E. BARRETT,
ERNEST C. STEWART,
Selectmen of Amherst, N. H.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Approp. 1952	Expended 1952	Overdraft Credits Applied	Credits	Unexpended Balance	Estimated 1953
Town Officers Salaries	$ 1870.00	$ 1870.00				$2170.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1500.00	1565.60				1500.00
Election and Registration	350.00	397.00				150.00
Town Hall Expenses	1300.00	1619.29		$410.00	$ 90.71	1400.00
Police Department	500.00	479.61			20.39	500.00
Fire Department	3000.00	2850.20		422.72		3000.00
Dog Damages		34.99				
Long Range Tree Program	500.00	491.67			8.33	500.00
Health Department	25.00	10.00			15.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	75.00	59.00			16.00	75.00
Street Lights	1961.75	2088.76	127.01			2500.00
Library	1500.00	1500.00				1500.00
Town Aid	500.00	265.80			234.20	500.00
Summer Maintenance Roads	7000.00	7058.79		79.97	21.18	7000.00
Winter Maintenance Roads	7756.00	7085.27		25.00	695.73	6500.00
Oiling	6000.00	6042.34	42.34			7000.00
General Expense Highway	400.00	545.65	128.59	17.06		500.00
Town Dumps	200.00	194.90			5.10	200.00
Town Road Aid	1010.90	1010.90				1013.64
Memorial Day	150.00	163.18	13.18			150.00
Soldiers' Aid	500.00	34.77			465.23	500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	700.00	751.98	51.98			600.00
Cemeteries	1100.00	1115.00	15.00			1300.00
Old Age Assistance	2500.00	2343.53			156.47	2500.00
Interest	200.00	111.99			88.01	100.00

Legal Advice	100.00	50.00		50.00	100.00
Nursing Association	200.00	200.00			200.00
Town Clock	25.00	50.23	25.23		25.00
County Taxes	9850.50	9850.50			9850.00
Special Insurance Fund	1200.00	898.60		301.40	300.00
Grader Note	797.95	797.95			
Hydrant Rental	1365.00	1365.00			1365.00
Merrimack Regional Association	150.00	150.00			100.00
Bounties		4.00			
Trustees of Trust Funds		1292.75			
Temporary Loans		10000.00			
Art. 9 Brackets Painting	300.00	300.00			
Art. 7 Outside Door	200.00	201.59			
Art. 6 Kitchen Floor	275.00	270.00		5.00	
Auto Permits	475.00	493.50			500.00
Taxes Bought by Town		1654.20			
Head Taxes		4279.80			
Precinct Taxes		5334.79			
School Taxes	55184.17	58804.94			
Snow Fences	600.00	596.57		3.43	600.00
Grand Total	$111,321.27	$136,284.64			$53,210.00

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year, January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1952	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1952	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1953
From State:			
Interest and Dividend Tax	$ 7,944.00	$ 7,403.06	$ 7,400.00
Railroad Tax	35.00	36.35	35.00
Savings Bank Tax	171.00	147.45	150.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	22.27	22.27	21.75
Reimbursement a/c Exemption Growing Wood and Timber	1,800.00	1,472.69	1,500.00
For Fighting Forest Fires		34.58	
Bounties	6.75	6.75	4.00
Fire Suppression		1.63	
Training Firemen		17.01	
Gas Refunds		51.58	
Collecting Head Tax	16.00	19.62	19.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	575.00	603.10	550.00
Permits, Licenses, Fees	7.00	15.00	10.00
Fines, Forfeits, Municipal Court	50.00	6.50	10.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	300.00	410.00	300.00
Income from Trust Funds	37.00	69.91	35.00
Income of Departments:			
Highway, Grader Rental	600.00	92.75	200.00
Gas Refunds		22.41	
Fire Dept. (refunds)		422.72	
Cemetery Funds, Perpetual Care		1,500.00	
Clarence Hagar, Green Rent. and Lot Sales	60.00	132.00	
Precinct Tax		5,334.79	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	5,000.00	6,874.73	5,000.00
Head Taxes and Fines		4,278.00	
Sale of Town Property (pump)		47.50	

Harold Aldrich, Sale of Tile, Lifts, Oil Drum, Plowing Snow		52.06	
Interest from Taxes, Deposits	400.00	680.16	300.00
Short Term Note		10,000.00	
From Local Taxes, Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes, at $2.00	1,500.00	1,452.00	1,500.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	50.00	62.80	50.00
Yield Tax (timber)	1,000.00	1,460.64	1,000.00
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes	$19,574.02	$42,730.06	$18,084.75
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	$87,669.73	$95,492.00	
		$138,222.06	

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1952	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1952	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1953
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,870.00	$ 1,870.00	$ 2,170.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,500.00	1,565.60	1,500.00
Election and Registration	350.00	397.00	150.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	1,300.00	1,619.29	1,400.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	500.00	479.61	500.00
Fire Department	3,000.00	2,850.20	3,000.00
Insurance	1,200.00	898.60	300.00
Health:			
Health Department	25.00	10.00	25.00
Vital Statistics	75.00	59.00	75.00
Long Range Tree Program	500.00	491.67	500.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	200.00	194.90	200.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	7,000.00	7,058.79	7,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	7,756.00	7,085.27	6,500.00
Street Lighting	1,961.75	2,088.76	2,500.00

General Exp. of Highway Dept.	400.00	545.65	500.00
Town Road Aid	1,010.90	1,010.90	1,013.64
Snow Fences	600.00	596.57	600.00
Libraries:			
Libraries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	500.00	265.80	500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	2,343.53	2,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day	150.00	163.18	150.00
Aid to Soldiers and Families	500.00	34.77	500.00
Recreation:			
Parks and Playgrounds	700.00	751.98	600.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Head Tax (2%)		87.36	
Cemeteries	1,100.00	1,115.00	1,300.00
Town Clock	25.00	50.23	25.00
Legal Expenses and Damages, including Dog Damage	100.00	84.99	100.00
Hydrant Rental	1,365.00	1,365.00	1,365.00
Trustees of Trust Funds		1,292.75	
Interest	200.00	111.99	100.00
Temporary Loan		10,000.00	
Article No. 9, Bracket Lights, Painting Outside Town Hall	300.00	300.00	
Article No. 7, Outside Door	200.00	201.59	
Article No. 6, Kitchen Floor	275.00	270.00	
Auto Permits	475.00	493.50	500.00
Souhegan Valley Nursing Assoc.	200.00	200.00	200.00
Bounties		4.00	
Taxes Bought by Town		1,654.20	
Oiling Roads	6,000.00	6,042.34	7,000.00
Head Tax		4,192.44	
Grader Note	797.95	797.95	
Precinct Tax		5,334.79	
Merrimack Valley Region	150.00	150.00	100.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	9,850.50	9,850.50	9,850.00
School Taxes	55,984.17	58,804.94	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$112,121.27	$136,284.64	$54,223.64

COMPARATIVE INVENTORY

	1951		1952
Land and Buildings	$1,512,550.00		$1,701,560.00
Electric Plants (Public Service Co. of N. H.)	99,500.00		102,139.00
Horses 41	3,560.00	36	3,075.00
Oxen			
Cows 412	46,915.00	369	52,015.00
Neat Stock 25	2,170.00	23	3,175.00
Sheep and Goats 14	140.00	105	1,050.00
Hogs 24	480.00	25	500.00
Hens 16940	17,950.00	20775	22,925.00
Water System	300.00		300.00
Portable Mills	5,100.00*		14,500.00*
Wood and Lumber	14,700.00		17,100.00
Gasoline Pumps	1,765.00		2,235.00
Machinery			4,700.00
Stock in Trade	18,875.00		20,800.00
	$1,716,489.00		$1,946,074.00
Veterans' Exemptions	102,200.00		117,715.00
	$1,621,805.00		$1,828,359.00
Tax Rate per $100.00	$5.45		$5.00
School Tax Rate	$3.48		$2.98
Town Rate	$1.97		$2.02

*Including Road Machinery

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer		$17,172 38
Capital Reserve Funds:		
(a) Grader Fund		881 43
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
(b) Bounties		4 00
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale on account of)		
(b) Levy of 1951	$1003 93	
(c) Levy of 1950	303 61	
(d) Previous years	152 46	
		1,460 00
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1952	$14,555 90	
(b) Yield Tax	298 89	
(d) Poll Tax, 1952	226 00	
(e) State Head Taxes – Levy of 1952	670 00	
		15,750 79
Total Assets		$35,268 60
Grand Total		$35,268 60

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Due to State:		
(a) State Head Taxes – 1952 (Uncollected $670.00)	$ 670 00	
Due to School Districts:		
Balance of Appropriation	12,184 17	
		$12,854 17

Capital Reserve Funds:	
Grader Fund	881 43
Total Liabilities	$13,735 60
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	21,533 00
Grand Total	$35,268 60

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings			$40,000 00
Furniture and Equipment			1,500 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings			18,000 00
Furniture and Equipment			5,000 00
Police Department, Equipment			100 00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings			8,000 00
Equipment			10,000 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings			1,000 00
Equipment			6,000 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds			5,000 00
Schools, Lands and Buildings			100,000 00
Equipment			4,000 00
Dumps			100 00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:			
Description	Acreage	Dist.	
Harding & Cassidy	2	5	25 00
Whitmore Lot		5	20 00
W. A. Barnard Lot	50	9	250 00
Carrie Hall Lot	52	3 & 11	250 00
Proctor Bros. Lot	25	5	125 00
Geo. B. Hayden Lot (1/3 int.)	12	5	25 00
Total			$199,395 00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

AUTOMOBILE ACCOUNT

44	(1951) Auto Permits Jan. 1 to Mar. 1952	$ 120 47
943	Auto Permits Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1952	6754 26
		$6874 73

DOG ACCOUNT

199	Male and Spayed Dogs	$398 00
49	Female Dogs	245 00
9	Part year licenses	11 50
257		$654 50
	Commission for licensing dogs	51 40
	Paid to Town Treasurer	$603 10

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1952

	Dr.	
Taxes committed to Collector		
Property	$98,249 19	
Polls	1,534 00	
Bank Tax	62 80	
Total Warrant		$99,845 99
Yield Tax Warrant		1,590 25
Added Taxes		67 50
Interest collected		3 89
Summons Charges collected		25 20
Total Debits		$101,532 83

	Cr.	
Remittance to Treasurer		
Property and Bank Tax	$78,103 26	
Yield Taxes	1,296 36	
Poll Taxes	1,290 00	
Interest	3 89	
Summons Charges	25 20	
Precinct	5,334 79	
		$86,053 50
Discount allowed		67 93
Abatements		335 61
Uncollected		
Property	$14,555 90	
Poll Taxes	226 00	
Yield Taxes	293 89	
		15,075 79
Total Credits		$101,532 83

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

PROPERTY, POLLS AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1951

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1952		
Property Taxes	$15,615 84	
Poll Taxes	188 00	
Yield Taxes	164 28	
		$15,968 12
Added Taxes		
Property	$ 8 18	
Interest collected	509 92	
Summons Charges	14 20	
		532 30
		$16,500 42

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	$15,614 02	
Poll Taxes	162 00	
Summons Charges	14 20	
Interest	509 92	
Yield Taxes	164 28	
		$16,464 42
Abatements		36 00
		$16,500 42

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1952

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector	
Original Warrant (891)	$4455 00

Penalties collected during 1952	9 00	
Total Debits	———	$4464 00
Cr.		
Remittance to Treasurer during 1952		
Head Taxes	$3785 00	
Penalties	9 00	
	———	$3794 00
Uncollected Head Taxes per Collector's list		670 00
		———
		$4464 00

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1951

Dr.		
Uncollected Head Taxes as of		
January 1, 1952 (88)	$440 00	
Penalties collected during 1952	44 00	
Total Debits	———	$484 00
Cr.		
Remittance to Treasurer during 1952		
Head Taxes	$440 00	
Penalties	44 00	
	———	$484 00

YIELD TAX OF 1951 AND 1952

Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1952	$ 164 28	
Oct. 15, 1952 Warrant	1590 25	
	———	$1754 53
Remittance to Treasurer		
Levy of 1951	$ 164 28	
Levy of 1952	1296 36	
	———	$1460 64
Uncollected from Levy of 1952		293 89
		———
		$1754 53

REDEEMED TAXES

From Levy of 1951	$541 47	
From Levy of 1950	737 11	
From Levy of 1949	516 93	
From Levy of 1948	42 01	
		$1837 52
Interest collected		126 95
		$1964 47
Remittance to Treasurer		$1964 47

SUMMARY OF INTEREST AND SUMMONS CHARGES COLLECTED

On redeemed Taxes	$126 95
Interest on Levy of 1952	3 89
Summons charges on Levy of 1952	25 20
Interest on Levy of 1951	509 92
Summons charges, Levy of 1951	14 20
	$680 16

ABATEMENTS

From Levy of 1951	$ 36 00
From Levy of 1952	335 61
Frox Tax Sale account	26 20
	$397 81

Summary of Tax Sales Account as of December 31, 1952

Dr.	1951	1950	1949	1948
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1952		$1040.72	$640.17	$71.23
Taxes sold Town Sept. 27, 1952	$1571.60			
Interest collected	9.07	60.30	49.24	8.34
	$1580.67	$1101.02	$689.41	$79.57
Cr.				
Remittance to Treasurer	$ 541.47	$ 737.11	$516.93	$42.01
Remittance to Treas., Int.	9.07	60.30	49.24	8.34
To Abatements	26.20			
Unredeemed Jan. 1, 1953	1003.93	303.61	123.24	29.22
	$1580.67	$1101.02	$689.41	$79.57

HIRAM R. ELLIOTT,
Collector.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Received from:

Hiram R. Elliott, Tax Collector:

1952 Property Tax	$78,103 26	
1952 Poll Tax	1,290 00	
1951 Property Tax	15,614 02	
1951 Poll Tax	162 00	
Interest & Summons Charges	553 21	
Redeemed Taxes and Interest	1,964 47	
Special Head Tax 1952	3,785 00	
Special Head Tax 1951	440 00	
Head Tax Fines	53 00	
Precinct Tax	5,334 79	
Yield	1,460 64	
		$108,760 39

Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk:

Auto Permits	$6874 73	
Dog Licenses	603 10	
		7,477 83

State Treasurer:

Loss on Taxes	$ 22 27	
Bounties	6 75	
Gas Refunds (Highway Dept.)	51 58	
Training Men (Fire Dept.)	17 01	
Interest and Dividends	7,403 06	
Forest Fires	34 58	
Expense Collecting Head Tax	19 62	
Tax Loss on Growing Wood and Timber	1,472 69	
State's Share Fire Suppression	1 63	
Building and Loan and Savings Bank Tax	147 45	
Railroad Tax	36 35	
		9,212 99

Trustees of Trust Funds:		
Fiske Highway Fund		69 91
Harold L. Aldrich, Road Agent:		
Plowing Snow, T. Lincoln	$25 00	
Sale Old Tile to C. Stimson	3 00	
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Refund Oil Drum	4 00	
Harold L. Aldrich, Summer Maintenance	9 00	
2 Hydraulic Lifts Sold to Osborne & Cheever	10 00	
Refund T.R.A.	1 06	
	———	52 06
A. L. Martin, Fire Chief:		
Sold Old Pump	$ 50 00	
Camp Judea Fire	50 00	
Fire July 30th	1 00	
Pelham and New Boston Fires	19 25	
B. & M. Fires	170 32	
Pelham Fire	22 80	
New Boston Fire	67 15	
Bedford Fire	42 20	
	———	422 72
Gifts – Cemetery Fund – Perp. Care:		
Edward A. Strong	$150 00	
Fred Cooley	150 00	
Harold L. Aldrich	150 00	
Caroline Phelps	150 00	
Hilda Robinson	150 00	
V. Mason	200 00	
Herbert W. Harding	150 00	
Wallace Wilkins, Exec.	200 00	
Albert Jackson	200 00	
	———	1,500 00

Clarence Hagar, Sexton:		
Use of Greens	$ 32 00	
Sale of Lots	100 00	
		132 00
Selectmen:		
Pistol Permits	$ 6 00	
Junk Licenses	2 00	
Donald Davis, Old Pump	47 50	
		55 50
Charles J. Lincoln:		
Court Fines – 1951 Bal.	$1 00	
Court Fines – 1952, see report	5 50	
		6 50
Town Hall Rental:		
American Legion	$220 00	
Social Club	5 00	
King's Daughters	5 00	
Men's Club	75 00	
Souhegan Grange	80 00	
Hillsboro Co. Enf. Assoc.	20 00	
Mrs. Maude Davis	5 00	
		410 00
Use of Grader:		
Rotundi	$74 25	
Roy Parker	8 00	
Ace Construction	10 50	
		92 75
Filing Fees:		
Harold Wilkins, Moderator	$1 00	
Lilla M. Brown, Super. Ck. List	1 00	
Ethel Emerson, Super. Ck. List	1 00	
Hiram R. Elliott, Super. Ck. List	1 00	
Geo. A. Knight, Super. Ck. List	1 00	
Nelle L. Holmes, Representative	2 00	
		7 00

Refunds:		
Insurance from Lincoln Insurance Agency	$13 17	
Insurance, Harland Holt	8 74	
Overpaid Town Clerk Dues	50	
		22 41
Souhegan National Bank: Money borrowed in anticipation of Taxes		10,000 00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1952		17,172 38
Total Money Received		$155,394 44
Paid out by Order of Selectmen		136,284 64
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1952		$ 19,109 80

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Town Clerk.

A Summary Statement of Receipts and Payments

Receipts

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes: (Collected and remitted to Treas.)		
Property Taxes, current year	$78,040 46	
Poll Taxes—current year, regular at $2	1,290 00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	62 80	
Yield Taxes	1,460 64	
State Head Taxes at $5	4,278 00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$85,131 90
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes—previous years		15,614 02
Poll Taxes—previous years, regular at $2		162 00
Interest received on Taxes		680 16
Tax sales redeemed		1,837 52
From State:		
Fire suppression	$ 1 63	
Training firemen	17 01	
Interest and dividend tax	7,403 06	
Railroad tax	36 35	
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	147 45	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	22 27	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	1,472 69	
Gas refunds	51 58	
Fighting forest fires	34 58	
Bounties	6 75	
Collector of Head Tax	19 62	
From County:		
Refunds	22 41	
Rental of greens and sale of lots (cemetery)	132 00	
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses	603 10	
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	15 00	
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	6 50	
Rent of town property: buildings $410.00, grader $92.75	502 75	
Sale of town property	99 56	
Income from trust funds (Fiske Fund)	69 91	
Income from departments (Fire Dept.)	422 72	
Cemetery Fund	1,500 00	
Income from municipal water, Village Precinct	5,334 79	
Registration of motor vehicles, 1952 permits	6,874 73	
		24,796 46
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year		10,000 00
Cash on hand January 1, 1952		17,172 38
Grand Total		$155,394 44

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town officers' salaries	$1,870 00	
Town officers' expenses	1,565 60	
Election and registration expenses	397 00	
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,619 29	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department	479 61	
Fire department, including forest fires	2,850 20	
Bounties	4 00	
Damage by dogs	34 99	
Insurance	898 60	
Long range tree program	491 67	
Health:		
Health department	10 00	
Vital statistics	59 00	
Town dumps and garbage removal	194 90	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	1,010 90	
Town Maintenance (Summer $7058.79) (Winter $7085.27)	14,144 06	
Street lighting	2,088 76	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	545 65	
Snow fences	596 57	
Libraries:		
Libraries	1500 00	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	2,343 53	
Town poor	265 80	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day	163 18	
Aid to soldiers and their families	34 77	
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds	751 98	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipal water, Village Precinct	1,365 00	
Cemeteries	1,115 00	
Town clock	50 23	
		$36,450 29
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses	50 00	
		3,840 45

Unclassified:		
Advertising & Regional Associations	$ 150 00	
Taxes bought by town	1,654 20	
Auto permits	493 50	
Trustees of Trust Funds	1,292 75	
Souhegan Nursing Association	200 00	
		3,790 45
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	$106 95	
Paid on long term notes	5 04	
Total Interest Payments		111 99
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements:		
Town hall—painting outside, light brackets	$ 300 00	
Town hall—outside door, kitchen	201 59	
Covering kitchen floor, town hall	270 00	
Oiling roads	6,042 34	
Total Outlay Payments		6,813 93
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	$10,000 00	
Payments on long term notes (Grader note)	797 95	
Total Indebtedness Payments		10,797 95
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Tax Collector—Head Tax	$ 87 36	
State Head Taxes paid to State Treas. (1951 Taxes $474.32) (1952 Taxes $3718.12)	4,192 44	
Taxes paid to County	9,850 50	
Payments to Precincts	5,334 79	
Payment to School Districts (1952 Tax $58,804.94)	58,804 94	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		78,270 03
Total Payments for All Purposes		$136,284 64
Cash on hand December 31, 1952		19,109 80
Grand Total		$155,394 44

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Town Officers' Salaries:
Appropriation: $1870.00

Expended:

Arthur L. Underwood, selectman	$350 00	
Ernest C. Stewart, selectman	350 00	
Donald H. Davis, selectman	117 00	
Maurice E. Barrett, selectman	233 00	
Hiram R. Elliott, tax collector	300 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, treasurer	200 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, clerk	200 00	
Elizabeth Hall, trust funds	70 00	
Orson Bragdon, auditor	25 00	
George Howard, auditor	25 00	
	———	$1870 00

Town Officers' Expenses:
Appropriation: $1500.00

Expended:

Arthur L. Underwood, use of car	$ 20 00
Ernest C. Stewart, use of car	15 00
Maurice E. Barrett, use of car	15 00
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co.	123 00
Vincent Brine, supplies	88 66
Burnham B. Davis, law inserts	3 50
Edson C. Eastman, supplies	29 79
Cabinet Press:	
Supplies	44 23
Printing town reports	684 53
Therriault Press, adding machine repairs	67 00
Souhegan National Bank, deposit box	5 00
Remington Rand Co., repairs	3 50
Assoc. of N. H. Assessors	2 00
Rotch Insurance Agency, tax collector's bond	68 50
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	26 46

Catherine A. Kruger, supplies	20 60	
L. C. Smith Co., adding machine repairs	5 87	
Randolph Kruger, stamps, tax coll.	29 60	
Philip Holmes, bonds	70 00	
Hillsborough County Registry of Probate, furnishing of names	70	
Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds, deeds and mortgages	41 73	
Keyes Agency, bonds for town officers	58 80	
N. H. Tax Collectors' Association	3 00	
Hiram R. Elliott, clerical work and supplies	99 03	
Sargent Bros., printing tax bills	33 60	
N. H. City & Town Clerks' Assoc.	2 50	
Branham Printing Co., auto and truck lists	4 00	
	———	$1565 60

Election and Registration:
Appropriation: $350.00

Expended:		
Harold H. Wilkins, moderator	$16 00	
Hiram R. Elliott, supervisor	50 00	
Lilla M. Brown, supervisor	50 00	
Ethel Emerson, supervisor	50 00	
Allen D. Howard, town meeting, primary and election	37 00	
Dwight P. Brown, town meeting, primary and election	33 00	
Wanda S. Gendron, assisting voters	20 00	
Howard R. Locke, ballot clerk, primary and election	34 00	
Vincent Brine, stamps	6 00	
Cabinet Press, supplies	62 00	
Wilhelmina Brine, asst. to voters	12 00	

Edwin Locke, asst. to voters	12 00	
George H. Howard, asst. moderator	15 00	
	———	$397 00

Expenses Town Hall:
Appropriation: $1300.00

Expended:

Draper Fuel Co., oil	$485 33	
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	239 16	
Dwight Brown, salaries and supplies	469 75	
W. D. Bell, gas	32 00	
George Bliss, plumbing, repairs	71 10	
Amherst Village Dist., water rent	22 50	
Amherst Village Dist., connecting water	56 24	
Howard Locke, electrical repairs	3 50	
Souhegan Gas & Appliance Co., gas	40 00	
Catherine Kruger, supplies	2 84	
Norman Slayton, fire extinguisher	18 00	
Chester Kiesling, painting fire escape	25 00	
C. & W. Heating Co., repairs & gas	44 50	
Wilton Plumbing and Heating Corp., repairs	23 75	
T. R. Langdell, office chairs	75 00	
William Hart, garbage removal	1 50	
Thrift Stores Inc., supplies	9 12	
	———	$1619 29

Credits: $410.00

Police Department:
Appropriation: $500.00

Expended:

Albert H. Junkins, police school	$10 00
Albert Junkins, constable	374 19
Howard French, special officer	19 00
Harry Boutelle, special officer	10 00
Harold Aldrich, special officer	28 67
Lawrence Hubley, special officer	5 00

Frank Hall, special officer	14 00	
Arthur L. Underwood, special officer	6 00	
Rosenfield Uniform Co., white belts	12 75	
		$479 61

Memorial Day:

Appropriation: $150.00

Expended:

William C. Vose, band	$90 00	
The Phaneuf Press	2 25	
Maurice E. Barrett, speaker	10 00	
Eagle Flag and Toy Co., spearhead flags	46 99	
Henry Davis, 5 wreaths	12 50	
Everett A. Wheeler, cartridges	1 44	
		$163 18

Town Poor:

Appropriation: $500.00

Expended:

The County of Hillsborough (Mrs. Raymond Vadney)	$ 56 85	
Hillsborough Co. General Hospital (Grace Long)	208 95	
		$265 80

Town Road Aid:

Appropriation: $1010.90

Expended:

Treasurer State of N. H.	$1010 90

County Tax:

Appropriation: $9850 50

Expended:

Treasurer of Hillsborough County	$9850 50

Hydrant Rental:

Appropriation: $1365.00

Expended:

Amherst Village District	$1365 00

Health Department:

Appropriation: $25.00

Expended:

Oscar Burns, services 1952	$10 00

Fire Department:

Appropriation: $3000.00

Expended:

A. L. Martin, fire chief	$ 25 00
A. L. Martin, forest fire warden	25 00
A. L. Martin, fires	569 98
Arthur Daniels, first asst. chief	15 00
Frank Richardson, 2nd asst. chief	15 00
Charles Reynolds, janitor	100 00
Lawrence Engine Co., firemen's salaries	200 00
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	114 61
Milford Grain & Coal Co., supplies	244 86
N. E. Tel. & Tel., telephone	112 00
Rotch Insurance Co., insurance	174 38
A. L. Martin, inspection of new burners	24 00
Charles Reynolds, labor	6 00
A. L. Martin, supplies	88 61
Gault Plumbing Co., labor	10 05
Bob's Auto Service, repairs and gas	149 21
County Stores, supplies	16 59
Guy Nelson, labor	33 00
Laurence E. Clark, insurance	19 25
Charles Duval, labor	8 00
A. L. Martin, training school	29 15
Mass. Bonding and Ins. Co., liability	156 60
Clark's Garage, labor and supplies	8 60
C. A. Wilkins Co., fire hose	466 48
James A. Coffin, hydrant gates, flashlights	96 39
Manchester Oxygen Co., refills	6 40
Norman Slayton, fire extinguishers	14 85

Amherst Village District, water	22 50	
Town of Merrimack, Camp Judea fire	14 60	
American La France Foamite Corp., hose shut-off	32 90	
Milford Public Works, hydrants	40 00	
Thrift Stores Inc., supplies	11 19	
	———	$2850 20

Credits: $422.72 (Includes 1951 credits, amounting to $170.32, from B. & M.)

Souhegan Valley Nursing Association:
Appropriation: $200.00
Expended:
Souhegan Valley Nursing Association $200 00

Soldiers' Aid:
Appropriation: $500.00
Expended:
Thrift Stores Inc. $34 77

Legal Expenses:
Appropriation: $100.00
Expended:
Charles J. Lincoln $50 00

Trustees of Trust Funds:
Expended:
Trustees of Trust Funds $1292 75

Article 9 — Bracket Lights and Painting:
Appropriation: $300.00
Expended:

Chester Kiesling, painting	$200 00	
Owen Fisk, electrical work	35 00	
Craftsmen Inc., 3 bracket lights	65 00	
	———	$300 00

Merrimack Valley Region Association:
Appropriation: $150.00
Expended:
Merrimack Valley Region Association $150 00

Article 6 — Covering for Kitchen Floor:
Appropriation: $275.00

Expended:		
Milford Home Furnishings, Inc.		$270 00

Article 7 — Outside Doorway:
Appropriation: $200.00

Expended:		
Romeo V. Chagnon Co. Inc., outside door	$ 15 00	
Kokko, installing outside kitchen door	181 70	
R. S. Going, painting outside door	4 89	
		$201 59

Article 10 — Long Range Tree Program:
Appropriation: $500.00

Expended:		
The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co., Inc., tree care	$475 00	
Harold Aldrich, labor	16 67	
		$491 67

Parks and Playgrounds:
Appropriation $700.00

Expended:		
Harold L. Aldrich, labor	$393 83	
Clarence Hagar, mowing machine and attachments	358 15	
		$751 98

Street Lights:
Appropriation: $1961.75

Expended:		
Village lights	$1661 52	
Baboosic lights	427 24	
		$2088 76

Library:
Appropriation: $1500.00
Expended:
Amherst Town Library $1500 00

Auto Permit Fees:
Appropriation: $475.00
Expended:
Catherine A. Kruger $493 50

Interest:
Appropriation: $200.00
Expended:
Souhegan National Bank $111 99

Grader Note:
Appropriation: $797.95
Expended:
Souhegan National Bank $797 95

Temporary Loans:
Expended:
Souhegan National Bank $10,000 00

Precinct Tax:
Expended:
Amherst Village District $5334 79

Old Age Assistance:
Appropriation:$2500.00
Expended:
Treasurer State of New Hampshire $2343 53

Winter Maintenance:
Appropriation: $7756.00
Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, Jan. 1, '52 to Mar. 11, '52	$5406 58	
*Harold L. Aldrich, Mar. 12, '52 to Dec. 31, '52	1678 69	
	———	$7085 27

*$1678.69 is the deficit for the year 1952

Summer Maintenance:

Appropriation: $7000.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich		$7058 79

Oiling:

Appropriation: $6000.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich		$6042 34

Head Tax:

Expended:

Treasurer State of N. H.	$4192 44	
H. R. Elliott, 2% head tax	87 36	
	———	$4279 80

Snow Fence:

Appropriation: $600.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	$596 57

Town Clock:

Appropriation: $25.00

Expended:

Dwight P. Brown, new rope and salary	$50 23

Taxes Sold to Town on 1951 Levy:

Expended:

H. R. Elliott, tax sales	$1571 60	
H. R. Elliott, expenses	82 60	
	———	$1654 20

Cemeteries:

Appropriation: $1100.00

Expended:

Clarence H. Hagar	$1115 00

Bounties:

Expended:

Ernest C. Stewart	$1 75	
Arthur L. Underwood	2 25	
	———	$4 00

Damage by Dogs:

Expended:

Wheeler and Clark, dog tags and license books	$31 84	
Cabinet Press, dog license notice	3 15	
		$34 99

Article No. 8, Insurance:

Appropriation $1200.00:

Expended:

A. L. Keyes Agency	$335 00	
Evangeline Lincoln Ins. Agency	486 00	
Rotch Insurance Agency	77 60	
		$898 60

Vital Statistics:

Appropriation: $75.00

Expended:

Catherine A. Kruger, clerk	$50 50	
Catherine A. Kruger, for clergymen	6 25	
Oscar Burns, doctor	2 25	
		$59 00

Town Dumps:

Appropriation: $200.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich	$194 90

General Expenses of Highway Department:

Appropriation: $400.00

Expended:

Harold L. Aldrich, supplies and repairs	$371 48	
Treas. State of N. H., T. R. A.	8 05	
A. L. Keyes Agcy., grader insurance	81 75	
Philip B. Holmes, workmen's compensation and adjustments	84 37	
		$545 65

Credits: $17.06

School District:

Appropriation: $55,184.17

Expended:

Amherst School District	$58,804 94

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

During the spring months it was necessary for the Highway Department to use 1127 yards of gravel. This was used on roads to correct muddy conditions.

On March 28th the grader started the grading program for the summer months.

Because of dangerous curves and narrow approaches on Baboosic road, the corner at Phinney's Mill was cut back and regraded. The hill near Wilbert Parker's farm was widened and regraded. These were done in July. At a later date both areas were oiled.

The Summer Maintenance program took care of all the necessary requirements throughout the summer months.

The 1952 Oiling Program included the Village District. All streets within this district were oil mixed and placed by two gradings. The oiling on Baboosic road is mentioned in previous report on repairs.

T. R. A. funds were spent on one and a half miles of roads. There was one mile on the North Manchester road and one half mile on the Hoeg road.

The Highway Commission has drawn up a new five year program.

The Road Agent feels that T. R. A. money should be available for use on gravel roads. After the roads are gravelled the money could be used for oiling as in the past. This would relieve the Town of considerable expense.

HAROLD L. ALDRICH,
Road Agent

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT
Harold L. Aldrich

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	$7000 00	
Credit:		
Fisk Highway Fund	69 91	
Open House reimbursement	9 00	
	$7078 91	
Refunds:		
Motor Vehicle Dept., gas tax	$51 58	
William E. Bedders, bulldozer		$304 50
William E. Bedders, shovel		54 00
William Tuttle, shovel		96 00
Hume Pipe of N. E. Inc., culvert pipe		190 82
Robert Raymond, pipe		19 84
Frost Insecticide Co., brush chemical		129 00
Larry's Welding Shop, welding		4 00
Donald Dunklee, crane		15 00
Walter Fuller, gravel		92 00
Ace Construction Co., Inc., gravel		106 63
Robert Gerard, grader gas		10 87
Bob's Auto Service, grader gas		4 70
Clark's Garage, grader gas		228 08
Richard Weston, tractor		94 50
Arthur L. Underwood, tractor		239 75
Roger Weston, tractor		84 00
Arthur L. Underwood, tractor and spray rig		59 50
Maurice Young, power saw and labor		24 00
Harold Aldrich, truck		790 70
William Hart, truck		175 70
Roy Parker, truck		39 60
Alan Christie, truck		46 20
William E. Bedders, truck		39 60
Edgar Thibodeau, truck		79 20
George Houghton, truck		19 80

Leslie Tower, truck	19 80
David Young, grader operator	785 45
John Young, grader operator	131 10
Frank Bills, labor	843 00
Guy Bills, labor	549 00
Charles Duval, labor	428 00
Frederick Vernon Howard, labor	413 00
Eino Soini, labor	24 00
William Brown, labor	17 00
Harold Aldrich, foreman	900 45
	$7058 79

WINTER MAINTENANCE

Credit:		
Mrs. T. Lincoln	$25 00	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., parts		$ 725 71
N. H. Explosives and Machinery Co., Inc., supplies		92 86
The County Stores Inc., supplies		8 50
Milford Paint Works, plow paint		9 50
Milford Public Works, snow removal		50 00
South Street Garage, parts		2 25
Public Service Co. of N. H., town barn lights		3 81
Checker Board Distributing Center, salt		245 00
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, salt		214 32
International Salt Co., Inc., salt		102 00
Granite State Asphalt Products Co., Inc., cold patch		33 70
Ace Construction Co., Inc., gravel		14 40
Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand		26 80
Ernest Gagnon, repairs		55 12
Larry's Welding Shop, welding		219 50
Oliver Merrill, parts		4 60
Bob's Auto Service, grader gas		54 62
Clark's Garage, grader gas		66 58
Oliver Merrill, loader		63 00
Dewey Smith, tractor		63 00

Frank Philbrick, tractor	12 25
Willard Batchelder, truck	28 00
Frank Philbrick, truck	15 20
Richard Weston, truck	406 60
Oliver Merrill, truck	554 80
William Hart, truck	994 10
Harold Aldrich, truck	1079 60
Edward Cloche, labor	4 00
Howard Roby, labor	2 00
Richard Weston, labor	11 00
Robert Gerard, labor	8 00
Donald Davis, labor	22 00
Maurice Young, labor	36 00
Roger Weston, labor	12 00
Eino Soini, labor	3 00
John Young, labor	11 00
Harry Duval, labor	22 00
Thomas Crocker, labor	15 00
Fred Hubbard, labor	4 50
John Bowler, labor	42 00
Dewey Smith, labor	124 00
Benton Putnam, labor	91 00
James Tebo, labor	200 00
William Hart, labor	24 00
Oliver Merrill, labor	16 00
Frank Philbrick, labor	10 00
Frederick Vernon Howard, labor	17 00
Charles Duval, labor	25 00
Guy Bills, labor	41 00
Frank Bills, labor	254 00
John Young, grader operator	273 70
Harold Aldrich, foreman	671 25
	$7085 27

SNOW FENCE

Appropriation	$600 00	
Bob's Auto Service, supplies		$ 1 82

Harold Aldrich, truck		183 00
Guy Bills, labor		125 00
Charles Duval, labor		87 00
Frederick Vernon Howard, labor		45 00
Frank Bills, labor		80 00
Harold Aldrich, foreman		74 75
		$596 57

OILING

Appropriation	$6000 00	
Ace Construction Co., Inc., roller		$ 56 00
Town of Merrimack, grader		165 20
Mrs. Bessie Balch, sand		5 60
Ace Construction Co., Inc., sand		271 56
Granite State Asphalt Co., Inc., patch		43 54
Ace Construction Co., Inc., patch		1022 09
Mystic Bituminous Products Co., Inc., oil		1826 59
Trimount Bituminous Products Co., Inc., oil		1277 16
Oliver Merrill, loader		35 00
Harold Aldrich, truck		423 60
Edgar Thibodeau, truck		132 00
David Young, grader operator		32 20
Frank Bills, labor		28 00
Guy Bills, labor		216 00
Charles Duval, labor		201 00
Frederick Vernon Howard, labor		201 00
Harold Aldrich, foreman		105 80
		$6042 34

DUMPS

Appropriation	$200 00	
Ace Construction Co., Inc., gravel		$ 8 00
Clark's Garage, grader gas		5 80
Frank Bills, labor		7 00
Charles Duval, labor		10 00
Guy Bills, labor		17 00

Frederick Vernon Howard, labor	17 50
Richard Crocker, labor	16 50
Orson Bragdon, labor	3 00
Charles Reynolds, labor	1 50
Howard French, labor	1 50
John Bowler, labor	1 50
Harold Aldrich, grader operator.	105 60
	$194 90

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY DEPT.

Appropriation	$400 00	
Credit:		
Sale of old equipment	13 00	
Return of drum, Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Inc.	4 00	
	$417 00	

Public Service Co. of N. H., town barn lights	$ 15 56
The County Stores, Inc., supplies	45 41
Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., grader oil	30 89
Daniels' Service, town barn oil	7 55
National Brake Service and Supply, supplies	3 12
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., parts	104 45
Motor Service and Supply Co., supplies	3 70
Southwestern N. H. Trans. Co., transportation	5 40
Harold Aldrich, supplies	16 92
Ernest Gagnon, repairs	5 65
W. H. Chase Lumber Co., supplies	9 19
Bob's Auto Service, repairs	6 32
J. E. Faltin Motor Trans., Inc., transportation	1 65
Sheet Metal Specialties Co., signs	6 28
Clark's Garage, supplies	19 40
Larry's Welding Shop, welding	5 50
Brown and Saltmarsh, supplies	14 89
Koppers Co., Inc., posts	29 10
Mabel Aldrich, bookkeeping	25 00

State of New Hampshire, signs		15 50
Grader insurance and Workmen's Comp.		166 12
T. R. A. overdraft		8 05
		$545 65

PARKS

Appropriation	$700 00	
The County Stores, Inc., supplies		$ 8 99
Bob's Auto Service, gas for mower		5 54
Clarence Hagar, mower		358 15
Maurice Young, power saw and labor		12 00
Clarence Hagar, sharpen mower		4 50
Harold Aldrich, truck		15 00
Frank Bills, labor		7 00
Guy Bills, labor		14 00
Frank Smalto, labor		5 00
Charles Duval, labor		79 00
Frederick Vernon Howard, labor		95 00
Thomas Crocker, labor		34 00
Eino Soini, labor		48 00
David Swain, labor		21 00
Harold Aldrich, foreman		44 80
		$751 98

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS TOWN OF AMHERST, N. H.

During the past few years your Trustees of Trust Funds have been increasingly concerned over the downward trend in the income earned by the Town's various Trust Funds, due to lower interest rates. Concurrently costs have risen, with the obvious result that the School, Library and Highway funds have been able to accomplish less and less of their intended purposes. In the case of Cemetery Funds, designed to provide perpetual care of cemetery lots, the reserve for necessary large expenditures, that sooner or later must be met at each lot, has been static or decreasing in too many cases.

In 1951 the New Hampshire Legislature passed a law which was designed to allow the Trustees of Trust Funds in New Hampshire cities and towns to take steps to correct or alleviate this situation. By the terms of the law, it became permissible for such Trustees to combine all, or part, of the Funds under their care into a Common Trust Fund, for the purpose of facilitating investments, providing diversification and obtaining reasonable income. In addition, a wider range of permissible investments was provided for by this Legislation.

Accordingly, in 1952 your Trustees explored carefully the various avenues of investment opened to them by the 1951 law. Seeking both to diversify their investments for the protection of all trust funds and to gain the advantage of specialized, trained investment management, it was their decision to purchase shares in three investment companies. The accompanying tabulation specifies the names of these companies and the extent of the investment in each. All three have proven, over the last 10 years, to be able to provide a high rate of return to the investor while increasing the principal value of their shares. All three are standard

sources of investment for Savings Banks throughout the State.

In order to equitably apportion among the various Trust Funds the earnings of the now more widely diversified investments, it has become necessary for the Trustees to establish a Common Trust Fund, combining most of the Individual Funds now held. Such funds as the Alice M. Wilkins Fund, the Fiske Highway Fund and the Spalding School Fund, formerly listed separately in annual reports, are now included in the Common Fund. During 1953 most of the funds listed separately this year will be similarly incorporated in the Common Fund.

In order to maintain a separate record of each individual fund in the Common Fund, thereby preserving the identity of each, it has been necessary to adopt a new bookkeeping system, prepared and recommended by the State Tax Division and passed on by the Attorney General. This accounts for the change in form of the 1952 annual tabulation from that of previous years.

Signed:

ELIZABETH G. HALL,
MERIC G. ARNOLD,
ARTHUR P. BONNEY.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

On hand January 1, 1952	$ 995 30
Accrued interest Souhegan National Bank	331 44
Accrued interest Wilton National Bank	466 30
Accrued interest Manchester Savings Bank	755 48
Total interest received in 1952	2310 82
Realized Capital Gains	16 80
	$4876 14

RECAPITULATION

Balance on hand	$ 412 59
Accrued interest Souhegan National Bank	366 60
Accrued interest Wilton National Bank	498 25
Accrued interest Manchester Savings Bank	838 75
Total amount expended in 1952	1437 65
Transfer to Principal	1322 30
	$4876 14

GRADER FUND

Souhegan National Bank Book No. 19268

January 1, 1952, Balance	$774 46
January 2, 1952, Interest	2 53
Deposits, 1952	92 75
Interest, 1952	11 69
	$881 43

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have examined the accounts of the Trustees of Trust Funds and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE H. HOWARD,
ORSON H. BRAGDON,
Auditors.

Amherst, N. H., February 2, 1953

Report of the Trust Funds of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1952

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year
1952	Common Trust Fund	Miscellaneous	Per Accompanying Rpt.	$45,185.00			$45,724.50
1930	Special Cemetery	Cemetery	Souhegan Nat. Bank	2,000.00		$539.50	2,000.00
1909	David Fiske	Cemetery	U. S. Bonds	1,000.00			1,000.00
1902	Parker	Cem. & Library	U. S. Bonds	1,000.00			1,000.00
1932	Putnam	Cemetery	U. S. Bonds	1,000.00			1,000.00
1867	Aaron Lawrence	School	U. S. Bonds	1,500.00			1,500.00
1867	Miss Lucretia Lawrence	School	U. S. Bonds	500.00			500.00
1894	Nutt	School	N. H. Savings	5,000.00			5,000.00
1923	French	Library	U. S. Bonds	1,000.00			1,000.00
1927	Clark	Library	U. S. Bonds	500.00			500.00
1928	George	Library	U. S. Bonds	500.00			500.00
1945	James Day	Library	U. S. Bonds	6,000.00			6,000.00
1952	Minnie B. Hugron	Cemetery			150.00		150.00
1952	Harold Aldrich	Cemetery			150.00		150.00
1952	William Rhodes	Cemetery			150.00		150.00
1952	Carolyn Phelps	Cemetery			150.00		150.00
1952	Vernon Mason	Cemetery			200.00		200.00
1952	J. M. Jackson	Cemetery			200.00		200.00
1952	A. M. Wilkins	Cemetery			200.00		200.00
				$65,185.00	$1,200.00	$539.50	$66,924.50

Report of the Trust Funds of Amherst, N. H., on Dec. 31, 1952 (continued)

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	INCOME				
				Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Expended During Year	Balance End Year
					Percent	Amount		
1952	Common Trust Fund	Miscellaneous	Per Accompanying Rpt.	$1,750.78		$1,792.77	$ 986.71	$2,556.84
1930	Special Cemetery	Cemetery	Souhegan Nat. Bank	331.44	1½	35.16		366.60
1909	David Fiske	Cemetery	U. S. Bonds		2½	25.00	25.00	
1902	Parker	Cem. & Library	U. S. Bonds				Lib. 15.00	
					2½	25.00	Cem. 10.00	
1932	Putnam	Cemetery	U. S. Bonds	466.30	1½	6.95		498.25
					2½	25.00		
1867	Aaron Lawrence	School	U. S. Bonds		2½	37.50	37.50	
1867	Miss Lucretia Lawrence	School	U. S. Bonds		2½	12.50	12.50	
1894	Nutt	School	N. H. Savings		3	150.94	150.94	
1923	French	Library	U. S. Bonds		2½	25.00	25.00	
1927	Clark	Library	U. S. Bonds		2½	12.50	12.50	
1928	George	Library	U. S. Bonds		2½	12.50	12.50	
1945	James Day	Library	U. S. Bonds		2½	150.00	150.00	
				$2,548.52		$2,310.82	$1,437.65	$3,421.69

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1952

No. of Shares or Other Units	HOW INVESTED Description of Investment	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
		Balance Beginning Year	ADDITIONH		Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
			Purchases	Capital Gains					
	U. S. Government Bonds	$25,000.00			$25,000.00		$625.00		
710	Incorporated Investors		$8,704.60	$242.66	8,947.26		241.40		
150	Massachusetts Investors Trust		6,418.50	77.76	6,496.26		214.50	$986.71	$2556.84
210	Chemical Fund Inc.		4,834.20	202.28	5,036.48		98.70		
	Various Savings Banks	227.70		16.80	244.50	$1750.78	613.17		
		$25,227.70	$19,957.30	$539.50	$45,724.50	$1750.78	$1792.77	$986.71	$2556.84

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During the past year 332 books have been accessioned to the library. Of these, 104 books have been classified as adult fiction, 28 as adult non-fiction, 164 as juvenile fiction, 36 as juvenile non-fiction, and 26 were donated to the library. In addition to these 19 magazines are available to borrowers.

Grateful acknowledgment of gifts and magazines is extended to Mr. Cleaveland Campbell, Mr. W. C. Vose, Mrs. Holloway, Mrs. Heckman, Mrs. Alys Warren, Miss Betsy Seamans, Mrs. Randolph Kruger, Mrs. Donald Swain, Miss Abby Boutelle, and an anonymous giver.

The Bookmobile continues to loan us 75 to 100 books every two or three months. We are very fortunate to have this service as it gives our readers a wider choice of material, especially for our boys and girls.

Many people have borrowed books from the State Library this past year. This is also a very valuable service to a small library when requests come for books it does not have, such as books of a specialized or technical nature. Your library has borrowed more than 50 books the past year in this manner.

Book Week was observed with a large table display of many attractive books for young people.

The trustees of the Amherst Town Library voted unanimously to offer the Currier Gallery of Art, the Gilbert Stuart portrait of Charles Humphrey Atherton for indefinite loan. This portrait has been in the possession of the library for over fifty years. Whatever expense is involved in the restoration will be assumed by the Gallery since the Amherst Town Library has no funds for such an expense. As the only known Stuart portrait of a New Hampshire subject, it will

undoubtedly be of great interest to the many visitors of the Gallery.

The circulation for the year has been as follows:

Adult fiction	2466	Juvenile fiction	5854
Adult non-fiction	596	Juvenile non-fiction	659
Adult magazines	954	Juvenile magazines	76
Adult total	4016	Juvenile total	6589

Grand total circulation: 10,605

While the adult circulation is less than that of last year, the children's use of library books has increased 1867 over last year.

The Librarian and trustees wish to thank Mrs. Virginia Chambers for her interest in placing floral contributions in the library during the year.

May I express my appreciation to the trustees for their cooperation during the past year.

The library hours will continue to be Tuesday, 2:00 to 5:00, and Friday, 2:00 to 5:00 and 6:30 to 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

MARION U. NELSON,
Librarian.

January 14, 1953.

TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year 1952

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1952, Cash on hand	$ 317 60
Appropriation	1500 00
Trust Funds	215 00
Miscellaneous, gifts, fines, and sale of books	114 05
Insurance refund	10 68
	$2157 33

REPORT OF
Ways and Means Committee

Town of Amherst, N. H.

February 25, 1953

This Committee has carefully considered each item in the Town and School budgets and each Article in the warrants and has consulted with the departments concerned in its endeavor to arrive at as equitable recommendations as possible. We wish to express our appreciation for the willing co-operation which we received.

ARTICLE 1

No comment is necessary.

ARTICLE 2

We recommend approval of each item in the Town Budget except as outlined below:

Town Officers' Salaries: The item regarding the Tax Collector's salary is not sufficiently clear, and your committee will report on this at the town meeting.

Cemeteries: From a designated Trust Fund there will be available for this year an amount of $150.00 and it is anticipated that funds will generally be available in future years. We recommend that these funds furnished from this source be applied to the General Cemeteries Expense. This year, as stated, this amount is $150.00 and we therefore recommend that the Town appropriate for this item in its Budget an amount of $1150.00.

Your Committee understands that there is an accumulation of major repair work to be done and recommends that the Sexton and Board of Selectmen institute a program to carry out this work over a period of years. For this year we recommend on that program that an amount of $150.00 be appropriated for the re-setting of fallen headstones in the Old Cemetery.

Insurance: The report of the Insurance Committee which is presented in this Town Report recommends the placing of all fire insurance with one mutual insurance company on a five year basis. The cost to the Town for this year would be approximately $1700.00 less whatever rebates are received from cancelled present policies and adjustments due to revised insurance rates. We concur with their recommendation and recommend that whatever sum is necessary be raised and appropriated.

Merrimack Valley Region Association: We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose.

ARTICLES 3 AND 4

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 5

We recommend that this Article be approved.

ARTICLE 6

No comment.

ARTICLE 7

No comment.

ARTICLE 8

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 9

We recommend that this Article be approved.

ARTICLE 10

We recommend that the amount of $500.00 for repairs to the grader be approved. We have noted that the earnings from rental of the grader, which are set aside for the replacement of this machine, will fall far short of the amount needed. We recommend that the Road Commission investigate and report next year on a possible means of assuring that sufficient funds are in hand when needed.

ARTICLE 11

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 12

We recommend adoption of Item C of this Article. Normal maintenance (periodical repainting) would put these bridges in a condition where one coat of paint every five years would keep them in a good state of repair, rather than through delay incurring the expense of two coat work as at present. This Committee therefore recommends that the Road Commission schedule this work so that each bridge is painted one coat at five year intervals, doing only one bridge in one year, and that in future years the funds for this work be taken from current highway appropriations, of which the painting costs would represent about 3%.

ARTICLE 13

We recommend disapproval of this Article. It is the opinion of this Committee that ballots should not be counted until the polls are closed.

ARTICLE 14

We recommend adoption of this Article for the installation of an additional septic tank and a grease trap at a cost of $125.00.

ARTICLE 15

This Committee is of the opinion that better economy can be effected by continuing the present system of hiring trucks and therefore recommends that this Article not be accepted.

ARTICLES 16 AND 17

We do not recommend acceptance of these Articles.

ARTICLE 18

Since these figures are available to any taxpayer from the Town Officers, this Committee does not consider this expenditure necessary.

ARTICLE 19

Your Committee recommends that the Selectmen be instructed to prevent indiscriminate parking in front of the Town Hall and the stores in town by posting the necessary signs and taking any other measures they find necessary.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

The Ways and Means Committee has found the management of the Town's affairs to be conscientiously and effectively carried out, but would recommend that further steps toward long range planning of major items and especially scheduling of maintenance work, be taken. The Road Commission's scheduling of road work has proved so beneficial and brought such order out of chaos, that similar planning of other Town work should prove advantageous. The results of the work of the Insurance Committee this year is an example of the benefits to be derived from such planning and co-ordination.

SCHOOL WARRANT

ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 7

We recommend approval.

ARTICLE 8

We recommend approval of this Article (Items Nos. 1-19 of the Budget) and offer the following comments:

6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries: Of the increase in this item of $3,800.00, $2,600.00 is included to cover the possible need of an additional teacher and the remainder is for normal increases under the present salary scale.

17. Tuition: The amount in the 1952-53 Budget of $12,600.00 represents 56 pupils at $225. The 1953-54 Budget calls for $15,500.00: 62 pupils at $250. The increased rate per pupil has been asked by Milford.

ARTICLE 9

The report of the Insurance Committee which is presented in this Town Report recommends the placing of all fire insurance with one mutual insurance company on a five year basis. The cost to the School District for this year would be approximately $1300.00 less whatever rebates are received from cancelled present policies and adjustments due to revised insurance rates. We concur with their recommendation and recommend that whatever sum is necessary be raised and appropriated.

ARTICLE 10

This Article covers Items 22 and 23 of the Budget:

22. Additions and Improvements to Buildings: The amount asked for ($2,000.00) we consider to be too low for the work proposed: equipping the vacant basement room in the Clark School for use as an added Special Grade, including septic tank, toilets, lights, radiators, fire escape, etc. It has been estimated by a contractor that the cost will be $5,300.00. This Committee wishes to call to the attention of the voters the fact that considerable amounts have been spent during recent years on minor alterations to present buildings to effect temporary stop-gap measures, which might better have been expended on new buildings.

23. New Equipment: This item of $460.00 is for added desks and chairs for additional pupils. We recommend approval.

ARTICLES 12-14

As the reports of the Committees for Study of the Amherst School Problem are not completed, these Articles must be postponed for action at an adjourned meeting. In our opinion the Building Committee proposed in Article 14 should be comprised of the School Board and four other members.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER, *Chairman,*
HENRY F. MERRILL, *Secretary,*
F. TENNEY CLOUGH,
JOHN C. DUFF,
GEORGE HAMMOND,
FRANK R. PHILBRICK.

REPORT OF
Insurance Committee

This Committee has been asked to study the combining of all insurable Town, School and Water District properties into one blanket insurance policy; and to bring in a report at the forthcoming Town Meeting.

Preliminary investigation revealed the lack of an adequate up-to-date appraisal of all the buildings in question. The services of an independent insurance appraiser, Mr. Gardner H. Hotchkiss of Manchester were secured at no cost to the town, to make such an appraisal. His detailed survey indicated a total estimated value of Town and School buildings of approximately $177,000.00 exclusive of contents. Of this, approximately $102,000.00 are town buildings and the balance schools.

After careful analysis of several aspects of the situation, the Committee feels that all the above buildings can and should be insured by one company under one policy or on a budget basis calling for annual payments. This would result in a greatly simplified insurance program for the town and would facilitate claims in the event of fire loss.

Investigation of insurance costs in stock and mutual companies has resulted in our recommending to the Selectmen and the School Board that the greatest savings will be made if all insurance is placed in one mutual insurance company. While the rates are of necessity the same in either stock or mutual companies, the reliable mutual concerns which we recommend are currently returning to policyholders 15% to 20% dividends which would be applied on premiums as a reduction in overall insurance costs. These mutual insurance companies have direct representatives in Manchester or Nashua and are therefore equipped to give prompt service.

Based on an estimated value figured on replacement prices less depreciation, of $177,000.00 for all buildings we recommend that the town purchase insurance up to at least 80% of the

above figure as an absolute minimum. This amount is necessary to secure the lowest rates. In view of present replacement costs and the fact that many of the valuations reflect substantial depreciation we further strongly recommend that the town insure these properties for the full 100% estimated value of $177,000.00. In addition we feel that the estimated value of the contents of Town and School buildings should be insured for the full amount of $14,000.00.

In our study of town insurance policies we have found that all of them do not include extended coverage to protect the town from losses caused by windstorm, hail, flood, etc. We feel that this should be included for all buildings as it is relatively cheap insurance and can be particularly valuable on old buildings.

Lowest rates are secured by purchasing five year policies. These can be financed by a budget plan calling for a relatively heavy payment in the first year and then substantially smaller payments each subsequent year. On this basis, estimates presented by the companies show that the cost of fire and extended coverage insurance for $177,000.00 of Town and School buildings and $14,000.00 of contents would be slightly over $2,900.00 for the first year and slightly under $1,000.00 for the second and all subsequent years. These premium charges would be reduced by from 15% to 20% which is the expected annual dividend to be received by the mutual insurance companies recommended. Careful investigation reveals these companies to be well run, conservatively managed and financially strong.

The first year figure will be further decreased by rebates on existing policies which will be cancelled at the time of the installation of the new plan. These returns should amount to more than $1,000.00, which would indicate that the actual net cost of establishing the plan the first year for both Town and School properties would be less than $2,000.00 before application of dividend. Furthermore, it has been discovered that the town has yet to receive most of the rebates due it on existing policies which are now available because of lower rates resulting from the water system installation. These refunds will help reduce the first year expense also.

All of our studies have been limited to Town and School buildings only. After consulting with members of the Water District it was agreed that no fire insurance need be carried on any of their buildings or equipment.

It was determined by the Selectmen that it was the sense of the resolution establishing this Committee that it should concern itself with insurance against fire and extended coverage only, and not with other forms of insurance which the town carries, such as liability, fidelity, etc. We have proceeded on that basis.

We recommend that a formal survey of Town and School buildings be made every five years and insurance placed accordingly, so that these properties are always covered to recommended amounts.

On behalf of the Selectmen and the Town we feel it appropriate here to extend thanks to Mr. Hotchkiss for his generous act in preparing a detailed appraisal of the Town and School buildings without charge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. MORISON, *Chairman,*
EMILE LEMELIN,
HENRY B. MITCHELL.

EXPENDITURES

Books and magazines	$ 650 76
Salaries	459 60
Lights	15 04
Building and grounds	434 04
Fuel	147 27
Supplies	35 50
Upkeep	63 70
Cash on hand December 31, 1952	351 42
	$2157 33

HENRY B. MITCHELL,
Treasurer.

A NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

The New England Town Meeting, as carried on throughout New England, is regarded by leaders in the field of political science as the most efficient organ through which the principles of our democracy may be made meaningful for our citizenry; this is another way of saying that the average Town Meeting is democracy at work. Another year has passed since our 1952 Town Meeting and again we are faced with our municipal problems, as those problems relate all of us to the coming year. Has it occurred to you that, through the years, the Town of Amherst has grown, until as of this moment, it is a two million dollar corporation? The steady growth in population and property valuation may be the outgrowth of a number of conditions, but one of the fundamental reasons for this growth is due to the fact that Amherst is a residential town, with a charm and beauty, colonial in character, that has a strong appeal for people who live in other states. If this appeal is to continue the citizens of Amherst must make ample provisions, financially and otherwise, that will guarantee for us and our posterity the kind of Amherst about which we dream. On this Town Meeting Day all of us should be actuated by desires and motives that will contribute to this coveted end.

Town Hall

In keeping with action taken one year ago, the kitchen floor has been covered – skilled workmen in charge of the work; the material used is of the best quality, and particularly adapted for the type of floor in the kitchen. As per order of the 1952 Town Meeting, the outside door for the kitchen has been installed, together with a place for the garbage cans. The new covering for the kitchen floor, plus the outside door in the kitchen, has simplified the problem of sanitation. (In order to put the kitchen in first class condition,

the walls and the ceiling should be painted.) Your order, given last year, to paint the outside trim and to install light brackets, has been executed, and the results are most pleasing, adding to the beauty of this attractive building. The hall continues to be the center of a variety of activities; all ages have access to this property, and rightly so.

Re-appraisal of Property

Last Spring, after careful and conscientious examination, your Selectmen decided to make a 10 per cent increase on all property, an over-all increase. Back of this decision was the desire to adopt a policy of appraisal that would be based on justice for all. So far as humanly possible your Board of Selectmen has operated on that principle.

Insurance

According to Article No. 8, in last year's warrant, the town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1200.00 to put into effect a budget plan covering the town's property insurance. After your Selectmen conferred with the chairman of the Insurance Committee (said committee having been appointed by the Moderator, authorized by vote of the town) it seemed wise to increase insurance on the Town Hall, the Library, and the Fire House.

Fire Department

During the past year the Fire Department has undertaken and carried through a number of new projects. By vote of the Town Meeting, the Department was authorized to purchase 700 feet of 1½ inch fire hose; this order has been obeyed. The Department has bought two fire nozzles, 2½ inch; also four hydrant gates, 2½ inch, have been purchased. A 1½ inch water line has been put into the Engine House; a new cesspool has been dug, covered with cement. Through the summer season, on engine meeting nights, the firemen

have received training. Twenty-one hydrant markers (made by Chief Martin and Charles Reynolds, without any cost to the Town) have been installed; these markers are very helpful during the winter season.

Town Report Award

In recognition of its 1952 Town Report, the Bureau of Government Research, the University of N. H., awarded to Amherst first place in Class III.

Miscellaneous

According to the vote of the Town the Austin Road, back of the Hayward's Cider Mill Storage, was closed and re-routed to the main road; this is a decided improvement.

The following roads were closed, subject to gates and bars: Road No. 93, from junction with the Junkins Road to the driveway into the DeLude Camp, northeast of Honey Pot Pond; Road No. 118 from the Catholic Cemetery Road to a point 500 feet east of Mr. Cadrain's dwelling; North Street, from 500 feet beyond Ted Powers' dwelling to the Lyndeboro Road.

Article No. 11, pertaining to Clark Avenue, Baboosic Lake — a survey has been made and the matter in question has been determined.

Conclusion

In conclusion your Board of Selectmen desires to thank all who have manifested the spirit of cooperation. If, at any time, you feel that you have a grievance, lay your grievance before your Selectmen, and, quite likely, an understanding can be achieved. Our tasks are many and varied, and since the human equation plays a part in all of our relationships, there may be situations where injustices have been done; all such cases should be brought directly to the Board of Selectmen, who stand ready to correct any and all mistakes, so far as it is possible. The international turmoil,

that threatens the welfare of all mankind, is the outgrowth of misunderstanding and suspicion; here in Amherst, let us build a community where understanding is the key word, for where understanding prevails, suspicion and misgivings cannot thrive.

OPEN HOUSE IN AMHERST, 1952

The cooperation, community spirit, friendliness and earnest desire for some part in its activities shown by our townspeople in this our second venture, were even more in evidence this year than in 1950. The many fine reports which have come to us, even from those communities where similar programs have been undertaken, contain the highest commendation. The publicity which our town has received not only as a result of but from all that in preparation for the actual dates of June 28th and 29th would be difficult to evaluate. Special mention should be made of New Hampshire Profiles which featured Open House in Amherst by devoting eight and one half pages of text, cuts and photographs in their June issue, as well as the many radio programs, newspapers and their columnists which also contributed.

Plans as outlined in last year's Town Report, were carried out.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Arrests	11
Suicide	2
Drowning at Lake	1
Shooting near buildings	1
Returned property	1
Abandoned car	1
Accidents – Motor Vehicle	12
Theft of gasoline	1
Stolen property	2
Aid to other departments	5
Defacing property complaints	3
Lost child	1
Warnings to operators of motor vehicles	26
Dances at Lake	15
Dances at Town Hall	44
Crippled Children Benefit Show, Jack-o-Lantern	2 men, 2 nights
Boy Scout Rally, traffic duty	3 men, 8 hours
Amherst Open House Days	5 men; total 63 hours
Civilian Defense meetings attended	2
Police School, Manchester; 2 attended for the week course	
Fourth of July duty, village, 3 men	15 hours
Plates found and returned to Motor Vehicle Department	4
Dog complaints	28
Information for U. S. Army	2
Information for U. S. Civil Service	3
Information for U. S. Navy	5
Other inquiries	4
Hallowe'en village duty, 5 men	25 hours

This Department wishes to extend thanks to State Police Sgt. John Conti and State Trooper William McBain and Motor Vehicle Inspector Landry and also the Milford Police Department for their cooperation.

ALBERT H. JUNKINS, Police Chief.

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

At the March Town Meeting it was voted to increase the tree appropriation from $200, to $500 to start a long term program for better care of the town trees. Your committee was appointed by the Selectmen to carry out this program.

Spraying of the 150 Elms bordering the village cost $150; and a second spraying a month later of 29 in particularly bad shape took $29.

The balance of the appropriation was used on individual tree care. Two of the oldest Elms were fed. Two diseased Maples on the Common had bottle injections to prevent their dying. Eighteen Elms and almost as many Maples were trimmed – most of them were on the small Common facing the Brick School, on the Spalding Common, and on Main Street where all Elms have now been trimmed in the past two years. Three dead Maples on the Common and a too-far-gone Elm opposite the Brick School were cut down. As much of the work as possible was scheduled for the Winter months to take advantage of lower off season rates.

The intent of the Committee is to confine the individual tree work to trees on public areas, hoping that residents, whenever possible, will take care of necessary work on the trees bordering the streets by their property.

We are confident that this first year of increased tree care was responsible for the decrease of the Elm Beetle here in town. There has been no evidence of Dutch Elm Disease, although one case in Milford was reported. Once it is spotted, the tree must come down.

Another phase of our program is the replanting of trees where needed on parks or along the streets. We feel groups or residents or local organizations should be encouraged to sponsor such projects rather than by use of town funds. This year the Cub Scouts set out a Maple in front of the Carruths, and a neighborhood

group sponsored the planting of nine Maples on the parks bordering the corner of Park Street and Mont Vernon Road. Tenney Clough would be glad to assist anyone interested in doing such work.

This first year of the long term program has made considerable progress, but there is still more remaining to be done.

In closing, we wish to pay tribute to William T. Whittle, who until his death this fall, was a most interested and helpful member of the committee.

Respectfully,
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,
F. TENNEY CLOUGH,
ROBERT W. SEAMANS, Chairman.

January 20, 1953.

AMHERST TOWN HALL

Our Town Hall is developing more and more into a recreation center for young and old. With the exception of about two months in the summer, there is something going on day or night and many times both throughout the year.

The School Lunch program has grown to such an extent that the dining room and kitchen are in use over seven months of the year while school is in session. This program is by far the greatest expense in the town hall budget as the town receives no rent for the use of same.

The American Legion or Auxiliary have used the upper hall 44 times and the kitchen and dining room some of those times. The Souhegan Grange has used the upper hall and sometimes the kitchen and dining room 31 times. The Parent Teachers Association has used it for meetings, card parties and children's dancing classes, 24 times. The Men's Club has used the hall 18 times. The Boy Scouts have held 18 meetings and the Cub Scouts 9 in the upper hall. The School has used it about 6 times and the Youth Recreational Group, sponsored by the P. T. A., 5 times. There are also about 20 times the hall has been used by about 10 other organizations or people.

This adds up to about 175 days or nights that the hall has been used, excepting the School lunches, Town Officers' meetings, other committee meetings and sessions of the court.

DWIGHT P. BROWN

The Cover Design

The design for the cover on this year's town report was drawn by Otto K. Neugebauer.

SEXTON'S REPORT

Your 1952 appropriation was used in the cemeteries by spending $175.57 in the Old Cemetery, $54.00 at Cricket Corner Cemetery, $12.00 at the Chestnut Hill Cemetery and the balance in Meadowview Cemetery including loam and fertilizer for the front lawn and $80.00 to Andy Spaulding to shingle the hearse house. This building was so badly in need of repair that the spring rains were soaking the interior. It could not wait for a special appropriation.

It does seem pitiful to notice how some people disrespect our cemeteries. In the Old Cemetery, drinking parties throw their bottles and beer cans into the cemetery and when over-indulged, break the bottles on the stones. This could be somewhat overcome if there was a flood light exposing the cemetery. It means only a large bulb where there is now a small light over the fire escape. Another so-called injury is regarding the driving of cars flush with the wall. Maybe only a few know that extending ten or twelve feet out from the wall are the entrances to the tombs that are under the wall. These entrances are stone stairs leading down to the tombs with flat stones to close them, then grassed over. No harm is done, but respect is not shown to those who laid out this beautiful town of ours.

Our Meadowview Cemetery lawn seems to be a catchall for everything that people don't want to put elsewhere. The lawn can't be beautiful with flowers as the Electric Light company felt they had to put poles on it with guy wires running down into the lawn. The water lay-out put a hydrant on the lawn whereas if put on the other side of the street it would have been fifty feet nearer to houses.

In 1951-1952 about $1000 damage was done to monuments and marble slabs. This of course was juvenile destruction. Some stones have been repaired, but others are beyond repair as they are broken.

There were 21 burials: 2 in Cricket Corner; 1 in Chestnut Hill and 18 in Meadowview Cemetery.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR,
Sexton.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE

January 3, 1953

The Selectmen
Town of Amherst, N. H.
Sirs:

For purpose of the Town Report, the following is furnished:

During the year ending December 31, 1952, the Administrative Official issued 21 permits under the Zoning Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. VOSE,
Administrative Official Zoning Ordinance.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, Road Agent and Library Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE H. HOWARD,
ORSON H. BRAGDON,
Auditors.

Amherst, N. H., February 2, 1953.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF A. L. MARTIN FOR 1952

9 Chimney Fires
1 Fireplace Fire ($75.00 Damage) (Covered by Insurance)
13 Grass Fires
4 Town Dump Fires
1 Rubbish Fire
2 Brush Fires (State)
2 Car Fires
2 Truck Fires
3 Kitchen Oil Burner Fires ($130.00 Damage) (Covered by Insurance)
1 Furnace Fire
1 Electric Motor Fire
1 Lightning Fire
3 Looking Up Fires (Reported by Lookout Tower)
3 Called Out of Town (Pelham, New Boston, Bedford)
1 Called for Lost Person
4 Mutual Aid (Filled in at Milford Fire Station)
Total: 51 Calls

No. 1 Chevrolet Fire Truck called out 3 Times
No. 2 Ford Comb. Fire Truck called out 43 Times
No. 3 Ford 800 gal. Tank Truck called out 25 Times
436 men called and paid $523.55
244 Fire Permission to Burn (Called by Telephone)
24 Oil Burner Permits

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Number of fires	4
Acres burned	½
Costs	$79.10
Written permits issued	36

A. L. MARTIN, Forest Fire Warden.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and
Citizens of Amherst, N. H.

I herewith submit my annual report as Health Officer for the year ending January 1, 1953.

The usual complaints from year to year are about the same — many trivial matters are investigated and inspections made as well as the numerous important items.

Contagious and infectious diseases are nicely taken care of through the excellent cooperation of the District and School nurse.

Continued variation in treatment and new methods probably brought about by the introduction of antibotics has made many changes in the law governing contagious, a.e., where quarantine was demanded for twenty-one days in a case of scarlet fever, quarantine is now lifted when the illness is past, the same as any other disease.

The duties of the Health Officer are numerous and varied, covering the health of food handlers, food and food supplies with the necessary proper equipment for serving, etc. All Foster Homes and Boarding Homes have to be inspected and reported to the state departments before a license may be granted.

The Board of Selectmen have been cooperative and much credit is due the members for their part in the health program, much of which is unknown or unnoticed by the average citizen.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Town of Amherst as Health Officer.

Respectfully submitted,
OSCAR BURNS, M.D.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICES OF AMHERST MUNICIPAL COURT

During the calendar year 1952, the Amherst Munipal Court handled a total of 48 different cases, an increase of 7 cases over the case load of the preceding year. This case load was divided as follows: 41 criminal cases; 7 civil cases; 2 juvenile cases; 2 criminal cases bound over to Superior Court; 1 criminal case appealed to Superior Court and one criminal case appealed to Supreme Court of the State of New Hampshire on question of law.

The majority of the criminal cases were motor vehicle violations, though there were three cases involving assaults upon individuals numbered among them. All juvenile cases were referred to the New Hampshire Probation Department for investigation before your Justices, sitting in panel, ruled on the disposition of the respective offenses. Matters bound over represent criminal cases the offenses of which exceeded the jurisdiction of the Amherst Municipal Court and were the proper province of the Superior Court. Cases appealed were ones in which the Court had original jurisdiction but in which the respondents were agrieved by the ruling of the court and appealed to the Superior Court for trial by jury. In the matter appealed to the Supreme Court, the questions involved were ones of law involving the question of whether the justices of the Municipal Court may take judicial notice of the fact that Route 101 is a public highway, in the absence of specific proof by the police that it is in fact a public highway. This matter has not been decided by the Supreme Court at this writing.

On the financial side, the Court had total receipts of Five Hundred Ten Dollars ($510.00). It paid the State of New Hampshire Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars ($225.00) it holds for bail Seventy Five Dollars ($75.00) and it suspended fines totaling Twenty Dollars ($20.00).

Of the One Hundred Ninety Dollars retained by the Court the Judges' salaries amounted to One Hundred Twenty One Dollars ($121.00) and supplies and Witness Fees amounted to Sixty-Three Dollars and fifty cents ($63.50). The balance of Five Dollars fifty cents ($5.50) was paid to the town treasurer.

In all matters, with the exception of a few in which the associate justice was not available, both the justice and the associate justice sat in panel. Your justices are pleased to report that from the date of inception of the Amherst Municipal Court no appeal from the decision of your justices has been reversed by the Superior Court of Hillsborough County.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. LINCOLN,
Justice.

WILLIAM C. VOSE,
Associate Justice.

REPORT OF THE AMHERST ROAD COMMISSION

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Amherst:

Your Commission in evaluating the results obtained by your highway department for the past several years would like to bring to your attention the following observations:

Before the adoption of the long range program for new road construction, it was the policy to put almost all of the new construction money in the district that had the most voters in number at town meeting. There was not much thought given to an equitable distribution of new roads in the different districts nor to the traffic which they were called upon to bear.

By consistent application of T. R. A. funds yearly in the construction of roads designed to carry the traffic they are called upon to bear, and distributed equitably in the different districts, we now have the backbone of the necessary roads to collect and distribute the traffic to the joining feeder roads.

Your Commission believes it would be detrimental to the well being of the town's population, not to continue road improvement in the amount that can be financed wholly by the T. R. A. funds.

Since most of the information usually covered in the report of the Commission will be found in the Highway Agent's report, this will deal briefly with long range planning.

Your Commission met with town and state officials last fall and inspected several projects which will be included in a new long range program. It was determined at this meeting that T. R. A. funds can be used for the re-oiling of present hard surfaced roads if the town so desires.

Accordingly, your Commission suggests the following use of T. R. A. funds:

First: To maintain properly our present hard surfaced system. (This would involve T. R. A. funds if the re-oiling appropriation proves insufficient to meet actual needs.)

Second. To use the balance to properly construct as much new road as possible, most of which will be gravel surfaced rather than hard surfaced. By "properly constructing," it is meant to provide adequate drainage, to provide for easy snow removal, to eliminate part of the brush control problem, minor straightening, and to cover with an adequate thickness of gravel. It is apparent that in the past we have tried to stretch our new construction dollars too far.

Since experience has shown how difficult it is to predict in advance just how much any given project will cost, no attempt will be made to state just when any specific project will be undertaken.

The following projects have been viewed by the State engineers and will probably be included in the new long range program, but not in any special order:

Top of Chestnut Hill
Top of Mack Hill – past Hubbard's
Top of Christian Hill – to Mann's
Blair Road
Thornton Ferry Road – to Carter's
North Street

Two projects remain on the old program – Ponemah Hill and the western end of the Lyndeboro Road, as well as some sealing to be finished on the new construction of 1952. It is felt by the Commission that this work should be finished before starting on a new program.

We want to call your attention to the almost complete lack of culvert guards throughout the town.

We would also like to report that in 1952 some experimental work was done in trying to kill roadside brush by spraying, but permanent results cannot be ascertained until this coming summer.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND STIMSON,
RICHARD WESTON,
HAROLD WILKINS, JR.,
Road Commission.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

The new water system was placed in service on January 2, 1952.

All bills in connections with its construction have been paid, including the final painting of the standpipe this fall.

Water services have been added throughout the year and 106 customers are now being served.

This system was financed by a $155,000.00 bond issue at 2¼%, dated July 1, 1950. The first $6,000.00 in principal amount is callable July 1, 1953, and this item will appear in the budget for the first time this year. This will reduce the interest payment for the last half of the year by $67.50 and by $135.00 in each subsequent full year.

The system has proved its ability to weather a dry season and no restrictions in usage have been imposed at any time.

Samples of the water are submitted periodically to the State Board of Health, and all reports have been favorable.

The system has ample capacity to take care of the increasing demands of the district for many years to come and can easily handle up to three times its present load.

A budget for 1953 will be sent to residents of the District before the annual meeting this year.

GEORGE B. HYDE,
LAWRENCE C. HALL,
HENRY B. MITCHELL,
Commissioners

February 1, 1953

BALANCE SHEET

Assets		
Cash on hand December 31, 1952		$7512 17
Due from water charges	$1233 55	
Due from precinct taxes	621 98	
		1855 53
Total Assets		$9367 70
Liabilities		
Reserve for fire alarm		$7500 00
Surplus		1867 70
Total Liabilities		$9367 70

Schedule of District Property:		
Fay, Spofford & Thorndyke, engineering services		$ 14,537 87
R. E. Chapman Company, digging well		3,341 75
W. C. Ferguson, Contractor, labor and material		124,776 98
Roy O. Leonard, final painting of tank		958 00
Land purchased: Tank site	$ 1 00	
Well site	350 00	
		351 00
Ace Contruction Company, gravel road		243 80
Total value of water system at cost		$144,237 40

AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Mr. Donald Swain, Chairman	1953
Mrs. Dorothy Davis	1954
Mr. Kenneth Goodwin	1955
Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent of Schools
Miss Bertha L. Piper	Principal
Mrs. Catherine A. Kruger	Clerk and Treasurer
Arthur Bonney	Moderator
Oscar Burns, M. D.	School Physician
Gloria Rosi, R. N.	School Nurse
Dorothy Davis	Truant Officer

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1952-53

Begin	Close
September 3, 1952	December 19, 1952
January 5, 1953	February 20, 1953
March 2, 1953	April 24, 1953
May 4, 1953	Approx. June 11, 1953

Holidays:

October 17 – Teachers' Convention
November 27, 28 – Thanksgiving

SUGGESTED SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1953-54

Begin	Close
September 9, 1953	December 18, 1953
January 4, 1954	February 19, 1954
March 1, 1954	April 23, 1954
May 3, 1954	Approx. June 18, 1954

Holidays:

October 15-16 – Teachers' Convention
November 26-27 – Thanksgiving
May 31 – Memorial Day

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 6th day of March 1953, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. (See Nos. 1-19 and 24 of Budget)

9. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for insurance on school property. (See No. 20 of Budget)

10. To see how much money the district will raise and appropriate for special repairs and alterations of school property and for new equipment. (See Nos. 22 and 23 of Budget)

11. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to enter upon tuition contracts with Milford, the terms to be left to the best judgment of said Board.

12. To see if the district will vote to build and equip a new school building and provide adequate sanitary, service and administrative facilities, and to acquire any real property that may be necessary for the proper location of such a school and take any other action relating thereto.

13. If the preceding article is adopted, to see what sum the district will raise and appropriate for the construction, equipment and furnishings for such a school and the acquisition of any real property; and whether the district will vote to authorize the issue of serial notes or bonds upon the credit of the district for all or any portion of the sum so raised and appropriated; and to authorize the school board to determine the terms and conditions upon which the notes or bonds shall be issued including their sale, the time and place of payment of principal in accordance with the municipal bond statute, N. H. Revised Laws Chapter 72 as amended by Laws of 1953.

14. If the district has adopted the article for a new school, to see if the district will vote to appoint a building committee to consist of the school board and two persons to be appointed by the moderator to select the location of the school and to supervise the construction of said building, provided that the plans, specifications

and selection of the site for the new school shall be approved by the school board acting alone as required by law and the school board be further authorized to execute any and all contracts or agreements necessary in connection with the construction of said school.

15. To see if the district will authorize the school board to make application for and to receive in the name of the district, such advances, grants in aid or other funds for educational purposes, as may now, or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States government or any state or private agency.

16. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 13th day of February 1953.

DONALD N. SWAIN,
DOROTHY J. DAVIS,
KENNETH M. GOODWIN,
School Board.

RETURN OF DISTRICT REVENUE, 1952

EXPENDITURES

Current Expenditures	$59,527 92	
Capital Outlay:		
New Equipment	170 00	
Deficiency Appropriation	1,836 25	
Total Appropriation	———	$61,534 17

RECEIPTS

Balance, June 30, 1952 (Est.)	$2,000 00	
State Aid, December 1952 (Est.)	2,500 00	
Trust Funds (Est.)	350 00	
Other Estimated Receipts	1,500 00	
Total Estimated Receipts	———	6,350 00
Assessment Required to Meet School District Appropriation		$55,184 17

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Amherst School District held March 7, 1952.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER,
Clerk of the School District.

BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR — 1953-54

		Working Budget 1952-53		Proposed Budget 1953-54	
	Administration:				
1.	Salaries of district officers	$ 291.00		$ 291.00*	
2.	Superintendent's salary (local share)	760.00		770.00*	
3.	Tax for state-wide supervision	570.00		608.00*	
4.	Salaries of other adm. personnel	455.00		460.00*	
5.	Supplies and adm. expenses	240.00		251.25*	
			$ 2,316.00		$ 2,380.25
	Instruction:				
6.	Principal's and teachers' salaries	$ 25,500.00		$ 29,300.00	
7.	Books and instructional aids	750.00		750.00	
8.	Scholars' supplies	875.00		1,000.00	
10.	Other instructional expenses	600.00		600.00	
			$ 27,725.00		31,650.00
	Operation of School Plant:				
11.	Salary of janitor	$ 2,000.00		$ 2,100.00	
12.	Fuel or heat	1,200.00		1,100.00	
13.	Water, light, janitor exp.	800.00		800.00	
			$ 4,000.00		4,000.00
	Maintenance of School Plant:				
14.	Repairs and replacements	$ 1,250.00		$ 1,000.00	
			$ 1,250.00		1,000.00
	Auxiliary Activities:				
15.	Health supervision	$ 620.00		$ 650.00	
16.	Transportation	6,500.00		6,442.80	
17.	Tuition	12,600.00		15,500.00	
18.	Special activities and funds	200.00		200.00	
			$ 19,920.00		22,792.80
	Fixed Charges:				
19.	Retirement	$ 1,582.82		$ 1,799.25*	
			$ 1,582.82		1,799.25
	Total Current Expenses (Article VIII of Warrant)		$56,793.82		$63,622.30

20. Insurance, tr. bond and exp. (Article IX of Warrant)	$ 1,234.10	$ 1,234.10	$ 615.00**	615.00
Capital Outlay:				
22. Additions and improvement to bldgs.			$ 2,000.00**	
23. New equipment (Article X of Warrant)	$ 170.00	$ 170.00	460.00**	2,460.00
Other Charges:				
24. Contingency Fund (Article VIII of Warrant)	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,500.00	1,500.00
Total		$59,697.92		$68,197.30
ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT:				
Balance	$ 518.31		$ 1,200.00	
State Aid	3,936.13		2,500.00	
Trust Funds	350.00		350.00	
Contingency	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Due from District	1,836.25			
Total		$ 8,140.69		5,550.00
Assessment March 1952		55,184.17		
Total Available		$63,324.86		
Assessment Needed March 1953				62,647.30
				$68,197.30

*Statutory Requirements
**Special Articles in Warrant
February 6, 1953

DONALD N. SWAIN,
DOROTHY J. DAVIS,
KENNETH M. GOODWIN,
School Board of Amherst.

Note: Numbers at the left agree with forms approved by the State Tax Commission.
Omissions indicate that we do not use that column.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Pupil Growth

We wish to draw to your attention again the increase in the number of pupils attending school in the Amherst School District. The numbers increase beyond what our yearly surveys show. This year, 1952-53, our pupil load has reached the point that a year ago we estimated for next year.

The projected enrollment in next year's first grade is now expected to be far beyond any similar enrollment in the first grade. There is a definite need for more class room space. **There is a definite problem.** As the District has set up committees to study school needs and to make a written report to the District, we omit any specific recommendations on our part until a later date.

Insurance on Property

This was dealt with in our report of a year ago and at last year's District meeting. Through circumstances beyond our control we have been unable to complete the change-over contemplated. We are working on a temporary basis until it is possible to make a final settlement as to the mode of handling and the company or companies to handle same.

Long Range Views

It is our opinion, unless some national changes in life take place, that **Amherst** will continue to grow in its numbers of **School Population.** If there is to be any relief in the tax burden necessary to run the **Schools of Amherst** and the many small towns without any appreciable business property to aid in taxes, changes will have to come about in the **State** or national viewpoint. Today's State Aid to Education in New Hampshire is far behind that given in the adjacent states of **Maine** and **Vermont.** The following may be of interest. New Hampshire stands today next to the bottom of

the forty-eight states in the amount of State Aid to Education. We have suggested to the New Hampshire School Boards Association that they present these figures to all Executives, Legislators, School Boards, and Selectmen in the State as well as publicizing them as widely as possible.

	Maine	Vermont	New Hampshire
Population, 1950	913,774	377,747	529,880
Assessed Val. 1952	$836,004,000	(1951) $382,550,307	$833,429,968
State Aid to Education (1952)	$10,100,669	$2,606,868	$600,000

Lawrence Prizes

Attention is being called to changes in the awarding of the Lawrence Prizes. After a careful discussion with the teachers, the board has voted the following rules:

1. Only pupils in grades six, seven, and eight are eligible to be considered. The decrease in funds and the increase in enrollment urged this change. It is also believed the older pupils are better able to appreciate the recognition.

2. The winners must be members of these classes for the entire school year.

3. The choices are to be made by the teachers of grades six, seven, and eight.

4. The two most outstanding scholars from each grade, six in all, shall be selected with the usual recognition of no unexcused absences, no tardiness, and excellence in conduct.

The teachers recommended omitting the awards in citizenship. The board concurred in this. Among the reasons for this decision are, first, the great difficulty in making fair choices, and second, the wide range of age groups makes identical standards impossible.

DOROTHY J. DAVIS,
DONALD N. SWAIN,
KENNETH M. GOODWIN,
School Board.

ADMINISTRATION

I present my 14th report under the three headings which follow. Elsewhere statistics comprise our report.

It is indeed unusual and fortunate to report no changes in the teaching personnel for this year. Since their names are on another page, I am not repeating them here.

A. Instruction

It is indeed unusual and fortunate to report no changes in the teaching personnel for a number of years. Mrs. O'Neil and Mrs. Scully, together with Miss Wheeler in Music, continue in the work of the first six grades.

Last year I mentioned the value of workshops. Again I report the one held this last November in Mental Hygiene. After Dr. Philbrook of Concord opened the sessions as the Keynoter, four groups in alternating sessions explored Child Growth and Development, Guidance, The Arts, and Physical Education. On the final day a summary was given from these groups and material of value presented for use in each home room. An evaluation was made by all the teachers assembled, indicating that the results were very worthwhile. The large majority said it was "the best workshop we have held." I echo the values in these larger teachers' meetings, where more and differing ideas can be presented.

A 1951 pamphlet, "Good Schools for Children," states among other items that "The good elementary teacher

knows, understands, and likes children and their parents

is an educated person with wide interests and a stimulating personality

is professionally qualified for teaching

has a deep and abiding faith in democratic values
knows the community and takes part in its activities

continues to grow personally and professionally
cooperates with and is loyal to the school authorities

is a happy, well-adjusted person
really wants to teach."

Since the above might apply to any teacher, elementary or high school, I ask you to consider these points in judging those who teach in your schools.

B. Finance

Below I give you the figures to illustrate Per Pupil Costs, exclusive of Capital Outlay, Debt, Transportation and Tuition. These results are for 1951-52.

	Grades 1-8	Grades 9-12
Amherst	$157.11	$225.00 in Milford
Brookline	141.14	271.75 in Nashua
	($161.94 for 7 & 8 in Nashua	
Hollis	143.18	309.17
Milford	154.14	245.19
Mont Vernon	164.47	225.00 in Milford
	($150.00 for 7 & 8 in Milford)	
State of N. H.	165.00 (estimated)	275.00 (estimated)

Tuition charges are based upon these statements. Therefore, they are important for your information.

State Aid was received by all towns in this Union as follows: Amherst, $3,936.13; Brookline, $4,120.74; Hollis, $3,405.02; Milford, $5,245.16; Mont Vernon, $176.42. Next year's aid will be determined by the General Court now in session. Therefore, estimates used in this report may be exceeded or entirely eliminated before next June.

C. Needs

So much has been done in modernizing the rooms

and developing the program in Art that I can leave that this year. However, the problem of numbers is still with you and probably all are aware of it. We need another room and another teacher next year. That would be easy if both were available. To provide the room is the duty of the district, to help supply the teacher is part of mine.

Teachers and parents need to understand each other and mutual problems. I believe citizens should visit schools more, as interested in their child's education, for adjustment of children's difficulties, and to inquire into school problems. You may do all three intelligently, or offensively. My advice is to not criticize on one's first visit and then later "with fasting and prayer." Open minds lead to cooperative endeavors. This is only good taste in making our contacts with the school.

I am extremely grateful to the teachers, the Board and to you citizens for the opportunity to serve. I appreciate all the cooperation we have had in "bringing to pass" a successful school program.

Respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the School Board, Superintendent of Schools, and Citizens of Amherst:

Herewith I present my second annual report of the Amherst Schools.

At the opening of the school year, 258 pupils were enrolled in the elementary schools, 11 more than the enrollment of the previous year. Pupils have moved from town, others have come in, making the present number in the schools 253.

Our schools were fortunate in that every teacher of last year returned. At the Clark School Mrs. George Kittredge is in the Special Room; Mrs. Dwight Brown in grade 1; and Mrs. Elmer Greenhalgh in grade 2. At the Brick School Mrs. Maurice McGee teaches grade 3; Miss Charlotte Boutelle, grade 4; Mrs. Clifton Gordon, grade 5; Mr. Harold Angers, grade 6; and Mr. Harry Sanborn and the principal teach grades 7 and 8.

All the rooms at the Clark School and the rooms and halls on the first floor at the Brick School were redecorated most attractively during the summer and the pupils are to be commended for the good care they take of them.

During the year it was found desirable, because of its large numbers, for the fifth grade to exchange classrooms with the much smaller sixth grade.

In October, Mr. Gerard Doyon of Manchester, became the Art Supervisor and under his able instruction the children of all grades have regular art classes. Several of the teachers, also, have had considerable training in teaching art, and are doing splendid work along these lines with the pupils.

Miss Elsie Wheeler continues as Music Supervisor, spending most of every Thursday with the different groups. The excellent result of Miss Wheeler's training was shown in the operetta, "Ye Little Old Folks Concert," which the school presented before a large au-

dience last May, and also in the fine music at the closing exercises in June. All rooms have record players available for use and, thanks to parents, the school has a good library of records. There are pianos in five of the rooms, which add to the pleasure of the pupils and to the effectiveness of the teaching program.

At the closing exercises in June, diplomas were awarded to 18 pupils who had completed eighth grade work.

The film strip machine has been in almost daily use to illustrate various topics studied in classes. Motion pictures of an educational nature have been shown weekly and have been found an aid to the better understanding of problems in history, science, geography and the conservation program.

Dr. Oscar Burns made his annual inspection of pupils in the fall and Miss Gloria Rosi, the school nurse, makes almost daily visits to the classrooms in both buildings to check on health conditions. She has tested eyes and ears of children and as a result glasses have been provided in some cases, and for those whose hearing is defective, a weekly lesson in lip-reading is provided by Mrs. Catherine Hammond. Twelve pupils are now taking these lessons.

The 4-H Club, which was so successful last year, has been continued with a membership of about 35 girls from the three upper grades. Miss Margaret Moser is the leader, and she is assisted by Mrs. Chester McGrath, Mrs. Charles Dearing, and Mrs. Roy Wheeler .

The Annex, for a second year, serves well as a bus waiting station for about 170 pupils who are under teacher supervision in the afternoon and with Mr. Wells in attendance in the morning. This building is in almost constant use; the 7th and 8th grades meet here for music lessons; all the art groups meet here; it is used for motion pictures and for film strip programs; many recreational programs use it. At the Clark School the recreation room is also in frequent use, both as a

play room and a meeting place for the art classes. The School Board provided dark shades for the Annex in the fall, making it an ideal place for showing moving pictures.

Under the efficient management of Mrs. Norman Slayton, with the assistance of Mrs. Merton Brown, the School Lunch program continues to play a most important part in the school day. From 90 to 100 pupils are daily provided with excellent lunches. The Clark School children are conducted to and from lunch by an eighth grade pupil. Sally Spooner has had charge of this and deserves credit for the splendid way in which she has looked after the small children. Eighth grade boys and girls assist Mrs. Slayton in the dining room and the kitchen, and two parents assist daily, also.

Nominally, the Parent-Teacher Association sponsors this project, but in reality, with the aid of food from the Federal government, and with financial help from the Grange, the Legion, the Legion Auxiliary, the Women's Association, the Men's Club, the Souhegan Club, the King's Daughters, and interested citizens for various children who otherwise would not get a hot lunch, the program has been self-supporting. The actual planning of the program is in the hands of a committee of six who have meetings each month for the purpose.

As the result of a committee appointed by the president of the Parent-Teacher Association, a School Patrol has been organized to assist in getting children safely to and from school. These members of the Patrol, their authority designated by the Sam Brown belt and the badges, are doing a splendid job.

Open House, held in November, was a part of the observance of National Education Week, when Amherst people were invited to inspect the renovated classrooms and to meet the teachers. As a feature of the evening, Mr. Doyon talked to the audience of his aims and plans for art courses in Amherst.

Three of our teachers, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Greenhalgh

and Mrs. McGee, are attending a course in Visual-Aids held weekly in Milford. Miss Boutelle continues this year with two Art courses at the Manchester Institute of Arts and Sciences. All our teachers attended a three-day workshop held in Milford in November.

I should like to express my appreciation to all the teachers of the staff, who, by their friendly attitudes and their cooperation have made for good morale in the group. My appreciation, also, goes to the School Board and to Superintendent Bowley, and to all the people of Amherst, who have so loyally supported our school program.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. PIPER,
Principal.

ENROLLMENT TABLE AS OF JANUARY 15, 1953

Grades	1	2	Sp.	3	4	5	6	7	8	Tot.
Grade I	34									34
Grade II		27								27
Special			19							19
Grade III				38						38
Grade IV					36					36
Grade V						32				32
Grade VI							21			21
Grade VII								28		28
Grade 8									18	18
Total	34	27	19	38	36	32	21	28	18	253
Boys	20	13	13	14	26	21	9	14	9	139
Girls	14	14	6	24	10	11	12	14	9	114

FINANCIAL REPORT OF AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952)

Total Receipts		$62,104 11
Total Payments		61,585 80
Cash Balance June 30, 1952		$ 518 31

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Federal Aid:		
National School Lunch		$ 960 48
State Aid:		
Equalization Fund		2,558 81
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:		
Current Appropriation		57,204 44
From Sources Other Than Taxation:		
Elementary School Tuitions	$172 25	
Trust Funds	422 91	
Other Receipts	510 75	
		1,105 91
Total Receipts from all sources		$61,829 64
Cash on hand July 1, 1951		274 47
GRAND TOTAL		$62,104 11

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the school board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TREASURER
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952)

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Treasurer,
In account with the School District of Amherst

	Dr.	
Balance as per last report		$ 274 47
Board of Selectmen:		
Appropriation as of March 1951		57,204 44
From State Treasurer:		
State Funds		2,558 81
Federal Funds		960 48
Other:		
Elementary Tuition		172 25
Income from Trust Funds		422 91
Other Income		510 75
		$62,104 11
	Cr.	
Payments on order of School Board		$61,585 80
Cash on hand June 30, 1952		518 31
		$62,104 11

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE
(Required by the State Board of Education from all State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL
July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of District Officers:

Donald N. Swain, school board	$75 00	
Dorothy Davis, school board	75 00	
Eleanore Wilkins, school board	56 25	
Kenneth Goodwin, school board	18 75	
Catherine A. Kruger, treasurer	50 00	
Catherine A. Kruger, clerk	6 00	
Arthur P. Bonney, Jr., moderator	6 00	
Orson H. Bragdon, auditor	2 00	
George H. Howard, auditor	2 00	
		$291 00

2. Superintendent's Salary (local share):

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40	629 28

3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision:

State Treasurer, $2 per capita tax	538 00

4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:

Eleanore Wilkins, census enumerator	$50 00	
Dorothy Davis, truant officer	25 00	
Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, office clerk	314 64	
		389 64

5. Supplies and Expenses:

Treasurer, Supervisory Union No. 40, office expenses	$139 84	
Conference expenses, advertising, printing, etc.	79 39	
		219 23

INSTRUCTION

6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:

Harold F. Angers	$2500 00
Charlotte A. Boutelle	2400 00

Violet Consigli	36 00	
Pauline Fortier	18 00	
Edith Fowle	9 00	
Pauline T. Gordon	2673 00	
Sarah Greenhalgh	2500 00	
Elma H. Kittredge	2437 00	
Mary McGee	2700 00	
Bertha L. Piper	3200 00	
Rachel Shirley	2400 00	
Harry J. Sanborn	2500 00	
Jeannette Warner	99 00	
Elsie F. Wheeler	400 00	
	———	*23,872 00

*This amount includes deductions for:

Blue Cross and Blue Shield	$ 240 60
Income Tax	3458 60
Retirement	1634 17
Insurance	154 23

7. Textbooks:

Elementary 461 12

8. Scholars' Supplies:

Elementary 862 09

10. Other Expenses of Instruction:

Catherine Hammond, lip reading	$160 00	
Other expenses	351 80	
	———	511 80

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11. Salary of Janitor:

William S. Wells *1,950 00

*This amount includes $118.40 deducted for income tax.

12. Fuel or Heat: 966 87

13. Water, Light, Janitor Supplies & Expenses: 751 40

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
14. Repairs and Replacements:		1,149 04
AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES		
15. Health Supervision:		600 23
16. Transportation:		
High School	$1496 55	
Elementary	4950 00	
		6,446 55
17. Tuition:		
Milford School District		9,497 55
18. Other Special Activities:		
School Lunch	$960 48	
Other Special Activities	174 94	
		1,135 42
FIXED CHARGES		
19. Retirement:		1,479 70
20. Insurance:		925 06
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
22. Additions & Improvements to Buildings:		3,779 39
23. New Equipment:		
John C. Duff Co., teachers' desks	$ 120 00	
Kenney Bros., Inc., desks & chairs	1466 00	
Paris Manufacturing Co., desks and chairs	321 88	
Other	11 70	
		1,919 58
DEBT AND INTEREST		
25. Principal of Debt:		3,200 00
26. Interest on Debt		10 85
TOTAL PAYMENTS		$61,585 80

STATISTICS FOR 1951-52

Number of half-days in session	350
Whole number of different pupils registered:	
Boys 131; Girls 121; Total	252
Enrollment by grades:	
I-38; II-43; III-40; IV-30; V-30;	
VI-27; VII-23; VIII-21; Total	252
Average daily membership	233.3
Per cent of attendance	91.6
Number not absent nor tardy during school year	12
Number of visits made to schools by:	
School Board Members	33
Superintendent of Schools	165
Citizens	127
Number of School Board meetings held	12

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Junior High: Hazel Bartlett, Carol Anne Marsh.

Grade VI: William Batchelder, Ethelyn Grant, Clematis Jones, Arthur Nichols, Jane Rooney.

Grade V: Leon Frye, Sandra Mack.

Grade IV: John Liljeberg.

Grade II: David Murray.

Grade I: John Forsyth.

AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL – JUNE 1952

Corinne Bartlett
Orson Bragdon, Jr.
Lois Brown
Adrienne Goodale
Janet Howard
Robert Morris
Donna Nelson
Theresa Sliney

RETURN OF SCHOOL CENSUS
September 1952
Mrs. Eleanore Wilkins, Enumerator

Age as of Sept. 1, 1952	Total	Boys	Girls	Attending Public School	Attending Private or Parochial School
Less than 1 year	38	24	14		
1	25	16	9		
2	39	20	19		
3	35	20	15		
4	40	24	16		
5	41	25	16	16	
6	32	17	15	32	
7	36	19	17	35	1
8	38	18	20	37	1
9	40	26	14	39	1
10	29	17	12	29	
11	23	10	13	23	
12	25	10	15	25	
13	22	11	11	22	
14	18	9	9	18	
15	23	9	14	21	1
16	14	8	6	10	4
17	15	7	8	8	
18	10	4	6	2	
Total	543	294	249	317	8

TEACHER AND SUBJECT OR GRADE TAUGHT (1952-53)

	Experience Here	Total Experience
Angers, Harold F. — Grade 6	2	2
Boutelle, Charlotte A. — Grade 4	27	29
Brown, Rachel (Mrs) — Grade 1	2½	5½
Gordon, Pauline T. (Mrs.) — Grade 5	2	13
Greenhalgh, Sarah (Mrs.) — Grade 2	4	7
Kittredge, Elma H. (Mrs.) — Special	2	8
McGee, Mary (Mrs.) — Grade 3	8	13
Piper, Bertha L. — Jr. High and Principal	37	45
Sanborn, Harry J. — Jr. High	2	2
Wheeler, Elsie F. — Music	19	21

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION – 1951-52

Oscar Burns, M. D.
Gloria Rosi, R. N.

The total number of children examined: 238
The following defects, treatments, and corrections were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment
Defective Vision	22	7
Defective Hearing	3	
Defective Teeth	76	50
Diseased Tonsils	15	3
Orthopedic	7	
Cardiac	4	
Skin	1	1
Posture	4	

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases Reported:

Chicken Pox	37
Measles	43
Mumps	20
Pediculosis	13
Impetigo	3

Vital Statistics

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1948			
May 11, Nashua	James Charle	John W. Holden	Ginette Mason
1949			
Feb. 24, Virginia	Jeffrey Allan	Ernest H. Stone	Willette G. Foss
1950			
Jan. 25, Virginia	Michael Richard	Ernest H. Stone	Willette G. Foss
1951			
June 5, Nashua	Daniel Francis	John W. Holden	Ginette Mason
Aug. 8, Peterboro	John Marshall	William W. Richards	Jeanette I. Elliott
1952			
Jan. 1, Nashua	Lorraine Maria	John E. Bowler	Marcia L. Vatcher
Jan. 12, Manchester	Deborah Elizaheth	Eric W. Hare	Catherine E. Jeffers
Jan. 16, Manchester	Dean Jewett	Frank A. Martin	Cynthia E. Jewett
Feb. 6, Nashua	Roberta Kriss	Walter O. Hansen	Dorothy Bryant
Mar. 2, Nashua	Richard Joseph	Gregory J. Brown	Madeline B. Newbold
Mar. 19, Nashua	Norma Pauline	George P. Chappell	Pauline K. Bassett
June 2, Nashua	Daniel Raymond	Raymond L. Roby	Shirley L. Hubley
June 11, Goffstown	Donald Kingsbury, Jr.	Donald K. Holt	Helen B. Byrne
June 23, Nashua	James Lomar, Jr.	James L. Walker	Pauline E. Bly
July 5, Nashua	Paul Dennis	Richard M. Raymond	Elsie M. Curtis
July 16, Manchester	Francetta	Robert A. Raymond	Betsey R. Abbott
July 21, Manchester	Archie Lee	Frank R. Philbrick	Eleanor B. Cluche
July 21, Nashua	Bruce Wayne	Bernard E. Hall	Marcelle M. Trottier
July 27, Nashua	Donald Wayne	John Forsyth	Irene Mary Bamford
Aug. 16, Peterboro	Grace Hazel	Robert L. McAllister	Hazel Evelyn Gee
Aug. 20, Wolfeboro	Kenneth John	Maurice E. Young	Virginia M. Sweet
Aug. 23, Nashua	Kenneth Brian	Robert P. McLeod	Irene M. Roaktaschel
Aug. 31, Nashua	Elizabeth Ann	Edward A. Curtis	Marion Rose Pearo
Sept. 23, Goffstown	Donald Joseph	Floyd Green	Mary L. LaFlamme
Oct. 1, Nashua	Harold Wendell	Arthur J. Rafter	Virginia Miller
Oct. 13, Peterboro	Judith Elaine	Keith A. Noble	Ruth Frances Lane
Dec. 10, Nashua	Paul Thomas	William H. Shuman	Elaine V. Campbell
Dec. 28, Nashua	Corrine Esther	Charles E. Duval	Patricia E. McIntyre

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Bride and Groom	Age	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Name, Official Station and Residence of Person by Whom Married
Feb. 1, Amherst	Roger Ajam	21	Amherst	Ernest C. Stewart, Justice of Peace, Amherst
	Virginia Rae Beecher	18	Amherst	
Feb. 14, Amherst	Walter Frank Biedron	20	Dracut, Mass.	Catherine A. Kruger, Justice of Peace, Amherst
	Barbara Ann Fells	18	Lowell, Mass.	
Feb. 25, Amherst	John Liljeberg	35	Amherst	Rev. M. E. Barrett, Amherst
	Avis Luise Bizel	28	Milford	
Mar. 15, Amherst	Edwin Joseph Smith	27	Framingham, Mass.	Catherine A. Kruger, Justice of Peace, Amherst
	Sylvia Doris Pomeroy	27	Framingham, Mass.	
Mar. 16, Amherst	Albert Edward Catlow	20	Foster, R. I.	Hermon W. Anderson, Justice of Peace, Amherst
	Esther May Harris	21	Foster, R. I.	
Mar. 22, Amherst	Donald Andrew Lupfer	32	Amherst	Catherine A. Kruger, Justice of Peace, Amherst
	Eleanor Mary Murray	25	Amherst	
Apr. 16, Milford	Arthur George Charron	27	Amherst	Rev. Francis Hogan, Priest, Milford
	Catherine Veronica Buckley	25	Fall River, Mass.	
Apr. 26, Amherst	Charles Edward Duval	23	Amherst	Rev. M. E. Barrett, Amherst
	Patricia Erma McIntyre	18	Amherst	
May 8, Hudson	James R. Blair	43	Amherst	John E. Baker, Justice of Peace, Hudson
	Geraldine E. Wilson	21	Hudson	
May 31, Amherst	Harry L. Salisbury	21	Mont Vernon	Catherine A. Kruger, Justice of Peace, Amherst
	Geraldine J. Morse	17	Amherst	
June 6, Amherst	Laurence Theodore Kelley	47	Amherst	Rev. M. E. Barrett, Amherst
	Rena Elsie Stanley	37	Antrim	
June 14, Milford	Charles Henry Forsaith, Jr.	21	Nashua	Rev. Francis Hogan, Priest, Milford
	Barbara Claire Charron	22	Amherst	
Aug. 7, Amherst	Howard Rockwell Sumner	36	Fitchburg, Mass.	Catherine A. Kruger, Justice of Peace, Amherst
	Althea Patricia Wilson	25	Fitchburg, Mass.	
Aug. 11, Amherst	Dwight P. Brown	49	Amherst	Rev. M. E. Barrett, Amherst
	Rachel Palmer Shirley	50	Amherst	
Aug. 23, Milford	Arthur Daniel Beatrice	21	East Boston, Mass.	Rev. Francis Hogan, Priest, Milford
	Pauline Esther Peters	16	Amherst	
Sept. 27, Milford	Joseph Alfred Rizzi	41	Milford	Rev. T. Savage, Priest, Milford
	Hazel Mary Peters	38	Amherst	
Oct. 4, Groton, Mass.	Leon David Davis, Jr.		Amherst	Rev. Margaret Johnstone, Groton, Mass.
	Martha Whitney		Groton, Mass.	

Oct. 7, Amherst	Donald Ellison Reid	44	Plymouth, Mass.	Rev. M. E. Barrett, Amherst
	Virginia Vinton Johnson	31	Miami, Fla.	
Oct. 11, Milford	Perley Edmund Trow	35	Milford	Rev. Herbert E. Brockner, Milford
	Dorothy Etta Hartshorn	26	Amherst	
Nov. 8, Milford	Jean Paul Andre Cayer	24	New Bedford, Mass.	Rev. T. Savage, Priest, Milford
	Barbara Anne Steele	22	Amherst	
Nov. 13, Wilton	Frederick E. LaMarche	33	Wilton	Kenneth R. Dunham, Justice of Peace, Wilton
	Helen Helena Locke	26	Amherst	
Nov. 2, Milford	Bradford Locke	24	Amherst	Rev. H. W. Holder, Milford
	Lois Ann Brown	18	Amherst	
Dec. 17, Amherst	David C. Pass	27	Castro Valley, Calif.	Hermon W. Anderson, Justice of Peace
	Kathryn Jean Lawrence	21	Ypsilanti, Mich.	
Dec. 20, Nashua	Maurice Leon Allen	20	Nashua	Rev. John Bryson, Priest, Nashua
	Joan Eleanore Levesque	17	Amherst	
Sept. 15, 1951, Plymouth, Mass.	Silvio John Adamo	27	Amherst	Rev. Edwin Anthony, Plymouth, Mass.
	Louise Clarke	25	Plymouth, Mass.	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H.
For the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Name of Father	Name of Mother
Jan. 2, Boston, Mass.	Alfred L. Lincoln	82	George Lincoln	Mercy Hall
Jan. 5, Amherst	Leroy E. Gilson	55	Louis C. Gilson	Etta A. Austin
Feb. 11, Hollis	Susan James Harvey	88	Samuel James	Susan Payne
Mar. 14, Nashua	Alberta F. Paro	64	Charles A. Fitzgerald	Eva A. Hamblett
Mar. 16, Amherst	Leslie C. Marshall	73	John Marshall	Marion Rich
Mar. 21, Amherst	Walter Valentine Wry	73	Valentine Wry	Frances Wetherhead
Apr. 11, Nashua	Lottie Gladys Beecher	62	Charles F. Nichols	Cora Taylor
Apr. 14, Amherst	Lucy A. Wilkins	91	Frank Hartshorn	Elizabeth P. Knight
Apr. 16, Amherst	Robert L. Michie	53	Robert L. Michie, Sr.	Zillah Forbes
Apr. 30, Milford	Jane Winsor Gale	83	Frederick Winsor	Anna Bent Ware
May 5, Amherst	Julia Buehler Baker	74	Ernest A. Buehler	Marie Dolmetsch
May 10, Peterboro	John Marshall Richards	°	William Richards	Jeannette Elliott
May 14, Nashua	Alice A. Goddard	62	Lot Charles Goddard	Lois Shittleworth
May 18, Hudson	Mary Ann Bowler	76	Unknown	Unknown
May 24, Amherst	Russel Philip Simon	27	Herman F. Simon	Freda L. Heinritz
June 3, Amherst	Harold L. Aldrich, Jr.	8	Harold L. Aldrich, Sr.	Mable M. Charest
July 5, Nashua	Henrietta Keenan	69	McCombie	Regina Gray
July 24, Amherst	Lewis Resnick	34	Haskell Resnick	Libby Rosenfelt
Sept. 10, Amherst	Retta Marie Harding	56	Hiram C. Howell	Margeret Taylor
Sept. 11, Amherst	James Algeo Robinson	51	Frank Robinson	Margeret Hastings
Nov. 1, Amherst	William Thurston Whittle	67	Herbert H. Whittle	Caroline E. Jameson
Dec. 25, Amherst	Myramay S. Elliott	75	Frank G. Stevens	Hattie Smith

° 9 mos.

Brought From Away and Buried in Town

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Cemetery
Feb. 9, Lowell, Mass.	Alice G. Cowley	79	St. Patrick's
Feb. 21, Milford	Azarie Eugene Senecal	55	St. Patrick's
Mar. 26, Portsmouth	Margaret E. Sullivan	79	St Patrick's
May 24, Westbrook, Maine	Helen Rich	63	Cricket Corner
May 31, Milford	Marjorie Louise Patten	45	Meadowview
June 25, Winchester	Hattie C. Smith	95	Chestnut Hill
July 21, Mont Vernon	Ray Eugene Pomeroy	71	Meadowview
July 26, Norwood, Mass.	Emma F. Rogers	82	Meadowview
Aug. 6, Bridgewater, Mass.	Ruby Ann Sargent	100	Meadowview
Aug. 16, Arlington, Mass.	Alice C. Fitzpatrick	39	St. Patrick's
Aug. 27, Nashua	Samuel W. Weibel	74	St. Patrick's
Sept. 17, Nashua	John Joseph Moran	62	St. Patrick's
Sept. 28, Bedford	Grace Pamelia Day	80	Meadowview
Sept. 29, Goffstown	Velura K. Perham	73	Meadowview
Oct. 8, Tilton	Beulah Ware Chickering	86	Meadowview
Oct. 9, Milford	Clarence L. Trow	91	Meadowview
Oct. 26, Portmouth	Lila A .Mason	83	Meadowview
Oct. 28. Dover	James Froude Hodgson	67	Cricket Corner
Dec. 9, Worcester	Evelyn G. Armstrong	57	St. Patrick's

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out on Marriage, Birth, and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out the records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk.